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COMMUNIST FORCES LOOT ALL TOWNS IN WESTERN KWEICHOW



Queen Alexandrine of Denmark, in Sweden for festivities accompanying the engagement of Crown Prince Frederik and Princess Ingrid, was hurried to a Stockholm hospital for an appendicitis operation.

KEROSENE AS MOTOR FUEL OBJECTED TO

Canton Finds Fumes
Too Trying

BUSES USING IT WILL
BE PROSCRIBED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton To-day.

Buses which have been converted to using kerosene as fuel, for the sake of economy, are likely to be proscribed by the Municipal Bureau of Public Works, on the ground that the fumes are a nuisance both to passengers and pedestrians.

Considerable fumes are omitted by a kerosene-burning bus when it makes a brief stop on the way or when it first starts out. Often passengers are in constant discomfort while riding in these vehicles.

The Municipal Bureau of Public Works has referred to the Provincial Department of Reconstruction consideration of the question whether these fumes are injurious to public health.

Meanwhile the Provincial Department of Reconstruction is turning out charcoal gas producers, to give power to motor vehicles instead of petrol. Charcoal is economical, but the gas producer attached at the back of a vehicle gives out considerable heat especially during the summer months.

B.B.C. COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Charter Expires At
End Of Year

London, To-day.

The British Broadcasting Corporation charter expires at the end of the year, and a Committee under the Chairmanship of Lord Ullswater has been appointed to consider the constitution, control and finance of the broadcasting services in Britain, and advise generally on the conditions under which the services, including broadcasting to the Empire television broadcasting and the system of wireless exchanges, should be conducted thereafter. British Wireless Service.

LINCOLNS PRIVATE BITTEN

A puppy owned by Cpl. Wheat of the Lincolnshire Regiment was sent to Matakok for observation yesterday, after having bitten Pte. Parkins at Shamshulpo Barracks. The latter was sent to the Military hospital for treatment.

NO NEW OBLIGATIONS FOR BRITAIN

PREMIER'S REVIEW OF STRESA TALKS

AIR PACT FOR WESTERN EUROPE
TO BE ACTIVELY CONSIDERED

London, To-day.

Before a crowded House of Commons Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, made his long-awaited statement on the Stresa conversations.

In the course of his statement, which closely followed the lines of the joint communique, he recalled that, both in regard to the Eastern Pact and the independence of Austria, the British attitude had always been one of close and friendly interest, but that Britain had incurred no new obligations, except one of consultation in the event of the integrity and independence of Austria being threatened.

The three Powers had further agreed to continue actively to study the proposed air pact for western Europe.

He also recalled that Italy and Britain re-affirm their Locarno obligation, and added that we did not condone Germany's action in restoring conscription, but, on the contrary, we made it plain that we regarded it as a grave cause of unsettlement and a blow to the international organisation of peace.

We kept the door open, he said, for Germany to join as an active partner in the movement planned to create a system of collective European security. Our policy would continue to be based on the League Covenant.

The three States represented at the conference decided, not as separate units, but as a combination of States pledged to act together and try to find peaceful solution for the present dangers in a co-operation in which every state was willing to associate itself with the work.

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Three-Power Resolution Carried At Geneva

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
ANNOUNCED

London, to-day.

The resolution submitted by France, Britain, and Italy was carried unanimously at a meeting yesterday of the League Covenant at Geneva, which was called to consider the French appeal against the German rearmament decree of March 16. The Danish representative abstained.

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FRANCO-SOVIET AGREEMENT

Mutual Assistance

Geneva, to-day.

M. M. Laval and Litvinoff, Foreign Ministers of France and the Soviet, respectively, last night reached a complete agreement in regard to the general line of the Franco-Soviet pact of mutual assistance on which an agreement in principle was reached in Paris last week.

Their understanding will now be submitted to both Governments for approval. — Reuter.

ARCHAEOLOGIST HONOURED

London, to-day. — Sir Aurel Stein, K.C.I.E., the noted antiquarian, has been awarded the gold medal of the Society of Antiquaries for distinguished services to archaeology. — Reuter.

GIANT "CLIPPER'S" RECORD FLIGHT

California To Honolulu
In 18 Hrs. 39 Mins.

Honolulu, To-day.

The giant flying-boat "Clipper" arrived here at 6.30 p.m. (Greenwich Mean Time), making her flight from Alameda, California, in record time. She left Alameda on the pioneer commercial California-China flight at 11.51 p.m. (Greenwich Mean Time) the previous day, thus taking 18 hours 39 minutes on the journey. — Reuter.

The "Clipper" carried a crew of six and was loaded with 3,000 gallons of petrol and 10,000 pieces of mail matter for the 2,400-mile hop to Honolulu, the longest section of the proposed future route when the regular service to China is inaugurated.

CANTON STUDYING AIR DEFENCE

Committee Drafting
Schemes

Canton, to-day.

The Kwangtung Air Defence Committee since its inauguration has been very busy drafting schemes for the protection of the city against aerial attacks.

According to a spokesman of the Committee, in the first stage, three steps will be taken. The first step is to investigate the general conditions which have relation to air defence; the second, to launch a propaganda campaign and to plead for co-operation between the people and the government in strengthening air defence; and the third, to practise. — Central Press.

SAMPAN SUNK

3 Chinese Passengers
Reported Missing

COLLISION IN HARBOUR

Captain Harvey, Master of the s.s. Wing Lee, reports that while proceeding through the West Lamma Channel at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, his vessel came into collision with a passenger sampan carrying six passengers.

Three of the Chinese passengers were rescued, but three others are reported missing. The total value of the sampan and cargo is valued at \$110.



Andre Spang, 'chief of the bandit' chiefs of Corsica and modern Robin Hood, smiling as he is sentenced to death by the guillotine for murder. Spang surrendered after the authorities had sought him in the hills for two years.

YUNNAN-BURMESE FRONTIER DISCUSSION REVIVED

Boundary Commission To
Delimit Southern Portion

London, to-day.

Notes were exchanged yesterday on behalf of the United Kingdom Government and the Government of India, on the one side, and the Chinese Government on the other under which the parties agreed to set up a boundary commission to delimit the southern portion of the Yunnan-Burmese frontier referred to in the Anglo-Chinese agreement of 1897. — British Wireless Service.

COAL-MINERS' FIERCE FIGHT WITH POLICE

Result Of Strike In
British Columbia

16 POLICEMEN INJURED

Corbin, B. C., To-day.

The strike of coal-miners which began in January after the refusal of the management to re-instate certain miners, culminated in a fierce battle yesterday when 250 miners, aided by women wielding clubs, hammers and stones, attacked the police, who made a baton charge on the rioters. Sixteen policemen and 25 miners were injured before quiet was finally restored. — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST

The anticyclone is moving eastward; it is now centred over the Yellow Sea and Korea; a ridge of moderately high pressure extends along the Yangtze Valley. A depression is moving eastward to the north of Hokkaido. A shallow depression remains over Indo-China. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, was east and south-east winds, moderate; cloudy, some drizzle or mist, coastal fog.

Capt. A. W. Muir, of the s.s. Tung On, reports by letter that while under way through the Central Fairway last Sunday evening an unknown Chinese sampan, dressed in European clothes, jumped overboard. A search was made, but proved unsuccessful.

JOURNALIST'S APPEAL NOT RECOGNISED

VALIDITY DISPUTED
IN MANCHURIA

LENNOX SIMPSON CASE

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday, replying to a question by Mr. Geoffrey Mander, Liberal M.P. for East Wolverhampton, asking the present position in regard to Mr. Lennox Simpson's claim, Mr. Stanley Baldwin read a written reply from Sir John Simon, delivered by air, which said that the Manchurian authorities refused to recognise the validity of the claim for compensation lodged by the British Consul-General at Harbin.

The possibility of further steps on Mr. Simpson's behalf were being examined, he said, in consultation with him. — Reuter. (Continued on Page 9)

BRITISH TRADE WITH PALESTINE

Delegation To Visit
Egypt

London, To-day.

The Colonial Secretary, Sir Philip Cunliffe Liston, said in answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, that during the discussions with the Egyptian trade delegation in London, the possibility of promoting trade between Palestine as well as other parts of the Colonial Empire and Egypt was being kept in mind.

He also recently approved a proposal, he said, from the Paris High Commissioner that a trade delegation from Palestine should visit Egypt. He hoped that direct negotiations would be undertaken in the near future. — British Wireless Service.

MEAT TRADE PROBE

Argentina Conditions
Investigated

London, To-day.

The Joint Committee of investigation into the meat trade at yesterday's meeting approved a resolution setting up a sub-committee to act in Argentina to collect evidence as to the costs of frigorificos before shipping meat, the position of cattle producers, and other facts relevant to the scope of the investigation.

The Joint Committee is proceeding actively with its own inquiries in the British jurisdiction. — British Wireless Service.

REDS RETREATING TOWARDS YUNNAN

70,000 MEN STILL IN
THE FIELD

ABLE-BODIED MEN FORCED TO
FILL GAPS IN RANKS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

With 60,000 rifles and about 70,000 men, the Communists are retreating in the direction of Yunnan from Western Kweichow. All the towns West of Kweiyang have been systematically looted by the Communists.

Able-bodied men are being forced to join the Communist ranks to make up for the loss of those who have died on the battlefield or perished from other causes. Sick Reds, according to Nanking reports, are killed by their chieftains, so that they cannot betray secrets if caught by the Government forces.

A Kweiyang press dispatch states that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek flew to Kunming, capital of Yunnan, in the early part of the week to instruct the provincial authorities there as to precautions to be taken against a second Communist invasion.

Mr. Li Chung-kung, who was asked by Marshal Chiang to stay in Kweiyang, will most likely be appointed Chairman of the Kweichow Provincial Government in place of General Wang Chieh-ling, who has resigned. General Wang has lost altogether five or six regiments in operations against the Communists.

Yunnan is garrisoned by 12 regiments, while eight other regiments are in Kweichow. They are said to be better fighters than the Kweichow provincial forces.

CONTROL OVER KWEICHOW NOW ACCOMPLISHED

Fears Of Communist
Raid On Kwangsi

TROOPS SENT TO DEFEND
FRONTIER

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's control over Kweichow has been completed by the appointment of Mr. Wu Chung-hsin as Chairman of the Kweichow Provincial Government in place of General Wang Chieh-ling, who has been given the post of General Officer Commanding the Second Route Anti-Communist Army.

The new chairman is the sworn brother of Marshal Chiang, who stays in Mr. Wu's Shanghai home whenever the marshal is in town. Mr. Wu was once Chairman of the Anhwei Provincial Government and Chief of Police of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai.

General Chang Fa-kuei, former G.O.C. of the Fourth Army, who recently returned to Shanghai after studying aviation in England, was once mentioned as a candidate for the Kweichow chairmanship, but Nanking considers that Mr. Wu is the better choice.

Meanwhile Kwangsi fears that the Reds may attack from Kweichow, and many troops are being sent to defend the frontier bordering on Kweichow. The fifth and sixth Kwangtung divisions are joining in the defence of Kwangsi. (Continued on Page 14)

TRAIN DISASTER IN NOVA SCOTIA

Express Falls Over
Embankment

5 KILLED AND SEVERAL
REPORTED INJURED

Antigonish, N.S., To-day. Five persons were killed and several injured when the Sydney to Halifax Canadian National express fell over an embankment yesterday. A relief train is being rushed to the scene of the disaster. — Reuter.

EUROPEAN IN CAR MISHAP

"Ducking" In Harbour

Mr. A. W. Stewart, of No. 187 Prince Edward Road, reports that at 1 a.m., while driving his car, No. 2013, from Pelko Street towards the sea front, his car suddenly plunged into the harbour. He was assisted out of the water by P. C. 46, and, suffering from injuries to the legs, hands, and shins, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital.

SHING MUN TRAGEDY

Two Chinese earth coolies suffered a terrible death at the Shing Mun Valley Scheme yesterday when they were suddenly caught in an avalanche of about 100 tons of rock, during blasting operations.

INDIAN LOYALTY TO KING

New Delhi, To-day. — A motion conveying its deep devotion and utmost loyalty to the H. M. King has unanimously passed by the Council of State before its adjournment sine die. — Reuter.

IRELAND BEATS SCOTLAND IN AMATEUR SOCCER

London, to-day. — In their Amateur International soccer encounter at Hampden Park yesterday, Scotland lost to Ireland by the odd goal in five, the latter recording their third victory in six encounters, Scotland having won the remaining three. — Reuter.

CELTIC BEAT FALKIRK

London, to-day. — Celtic further enhanced their position in the Scottish League yesterday, when they severely trounced Falkirk at home by 7 goals to 2. — Reuter. (Tables on Page 5)

MAIL SCHEDULES

EASTER HOLIDAYS

On Friday, the 19th April, the General Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Kowloon Central Post Office and the other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 3 a.m.

On Saturday, the 20th April, the General Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Kowloon Central Post Office from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

On Monday, the 22nd April, the Public Hall of the General Post Office will be closed, but postage stamps may be obtained at the back entrance from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Kowloon Central Post Office and the other Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays, and one delivery of registered correspondence at 10 a.m. on Friday, 19th and on Saturday 20th.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

PARCEL POST

A schedule of revised parcel post rates, including many reductions, is exhibited in the Parcel Office, G.P.O. The rates will take effect as from 1st March, 1935.

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FROM JAPAN

Corfu Apr. 18

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Rio de Janeiro Maru Apr. 18

Emp. of Russia Apr. 18

Fres. Harrison Apr. 18

Kamo Maru Apr. 18

Asama Maru Apr. 18

Kashima Maru Apr. 18

FROM SHANGHAI

Chongta Apr. 18

Fres. Coolidge Apr. 18

Felix Roussel Apr. 18

Deucalion Apr. 18

Emp. of Russia Apr. 18

Fres. Harrison Apr. 18

Kashima Maru Apr. 18

Asama Maru Apr. 18

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Jackson Apr. 18

Emp. of Russia Apr. 18

Fres. Harrison Apr. 18

FROM AUSTRALIA

Kitano Maru Apr. 18

FROM MANILA

Kitano Maru Apr. 18

Fres. Coolidge Apr. 18

OUTWARD MAILS

FOR EUROPE

Naldera (via Siberia) Apr. 18

Cordillera (via Marseilles) Apr. 18

Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.

Emp. of Canada (via Vancouver) Apr. 18

Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.

Corfu (via Marseilles) Apr. 18

Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.

Fres. Coolidge (via San Francisco) Apr. 18

Felix Roussel (via Marseilles) Apr. 18

Closes: Reg. 10.45 a.m. Ord. 11.30 a.m.

FOR JAPAN

Emp. of Canada Apr. 18

Naldera Apr. 18

Kitano Maru Apr. 18

Fres. Coolidge Apr. 18

Portos Apr. 18

FOR SHANGHAI

Emp. of Canada Apr. 18

Naldera Apr. 18

Fres. Coolidge Apr. 18

Portos Apr. 18

The Woman's Page

Latest Novelties From The Umbrella Stand

FASHIONABLE SHAPES — THE CROOK AND THE STRAIGHT

London. Women are longer "umbrella-minded." Simple millinery and two years of dry weather are the reasons for this lack of feminine interest given by an umbrella expert, who remembers the days when titled women did not disdain to cover an expensive hat with a handkerchief in a shower of rain. And this, in Regent-street!

With feathered millinery in vogue no woman would stir a few yards minus her umbrella in case of a shower. Nowadays rain may be threatened in the weather reports—and not one in a hundred well-dressed women troubles to carry an umbrella.

So makers of umbrellas are coaxing back an "umbrella sense" in modern women by producing a delightful variety of new and original umbrella models which must appeal by reason of their extreme lightness of weight and beauty of design.

Brightly coloured umbrellas are the exception among these new styles; although a new design in Etruscan red with a crook handle in baby shark dyed in the same shade of red is distinctly worthy of mention. In the main, black, brown, navy and other shades of blue are seen, and fashion colours are introduced in various shades in the handles.

There are two fashionable shapes in the umbrella world, the 22in. "walking length," a slender stream-lined affair with an elegantly tapering ferrule, and the "chubby" with its 10 or 12 ribs with coloured tips to match the handle.

Shagreen And Ivory. Fabrics, either of pure silk or 90 per cent. silk, with a deep selvedge edge, are a feature of the new umbrella designs, the 10 per cent. heavier fabric introduced with silk gives an umbrella an extra wearing

quality. The new fabrics are mainly unpatterned, but there are also very attractive designs in softly contrasted checks, as in grey with fine off white lines, or in a bordered design in deeper or lighter tones of the self-colour of the material.

Handles are in two categories, the crook and the straight, which often has a "lidded" top with a decorative inset in a contrasting colour or substance. Ivory, ram's horn and all kinds of compositions are used in their making, from the umbrella de luxe, with its straight, real ivory handle, to a charming and inexpensive crook in tortoiseshell veneered on horn.

Coloured shagreen and ivory is one of the new combinations seen in both crook and straight handles, and in many of the latest designs python or lizard are used with ivory or coloured plastic. Among these novel plastic glass crook handles is a very lovely opal colour. There are others which have the appearance of crystal. The great attraction of this type of handle—crook or straight—is that it is practically unbreakable. Also the colours in which they are made are so varied that it is possible to choose an umbrella to link up and tone with any dress ensemble.

For use with tailor-mades and long overcoats plain lizard, python and other skins are used for many of the new designs, while there is always a liking for malacca, smart despite its severity.

DEVICE TO FOIL BAG-SNATCHERS

Siren Sounds For Three Hours

CAN ALSO SERVE AS BURGLAR ALARM

The recent epidemic of bag-snatching from cars, especially from motor cars, has stimulated inventors to produce a deterrent to this practice. Bags are now made with an automatic electrical device which sounds a siren when the bag is lifted by an unauthorized person. The siren will go on sounding for three hours—long enough for even the most leisurely country policeman to take the necessary action. Only the special is effective for stopping the alarm. By placing the alarm bag on the driving seat of a car, it acts as a preventive of car theft. It can also serve as a house burglar alarm by being placed against a door, as tilting along will operate the alarm.

TEAR IN FROCK REMEDIED

An irreparable tear in the back of the neck of a good brown woollen frock can easily be hidden by inserting a bias piece of printed tie-silk or sarah round the neck in a yoke; the back should form a point about six inches down from the nape of the neck. This can be fastened with matching buttons. A similar effect can be shown in front or it can be slightly draped.

EXCESS FAT RUINING HER HEALTH

Better After Losing 14 lbs.

A woman writes:—"I used to have a great deal of fat that seemed to nearly stop me breathing, especially when I knelt down to do any house-work, or was walking up a hill. I would simply have to fight for my breath for about 20 minutes. But now that has all gone, thanks to Kruschen. I have lost 14 lbs. in weight, and am able to get about in comfort. I can work all day and not feel tired. I feel so much better, and am so pleased to have lost some of the fat that was steadily gaining ground with me, and ruining my general health."—(Miss) A. K.

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Stiff navy taffeta shot with gold threads, and we have an evening gown smart in both line and fabric. Betty Furness, screen actress, wears the gown which features a fin skirt and wing shoulders. A jewelled clip ornaments the neckline.

CHARCOAL

Charcoal may be used with advantage for various household purposes. A small piece placed in the water in flower vases helps to keep the water fresh and to prevent the flower stems from smelling. A few pieces should be mixed with the fibre in which plants of bulbs are grown indoors in undrained bowls. A saucerful of powdered charcoal in a meat safe or larder helps to keep the air sweet. It absorbs any impurities that may be present. When potatoes are stored in a bin a layer of powdered charcoal at the bottom will keep them in good condition.

EVENING MAKE-UP

Predominant Colour The Guide

For evening make-up, especially with regard to darkish gold hair and green-blue eyes, you can wear either green or blue eyeshadow, using as a guide the predominant colour of your dress. The metallic shadows are good for evening. Use blue or green mascara, natural powder, French rose rouge, and medium lipstick.

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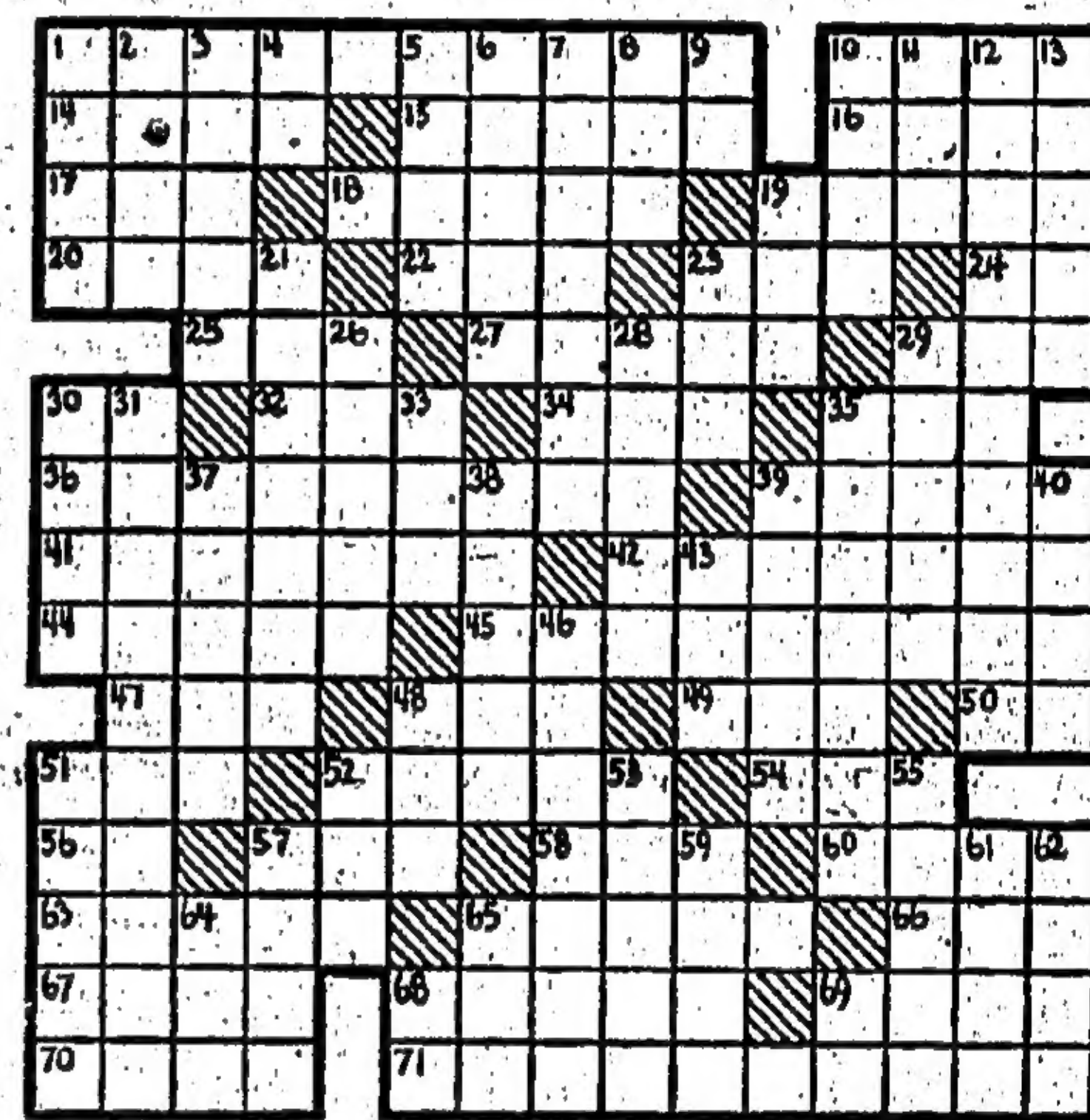
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

1—One who contests
10—A title (pl.)
14—Very black
15—Male singing voice
16—Prepositional (abbr.)
17—Sister (short)
18—Part of a suit
19—Rent
20—Walk
22—Related (abbr.)
23—Sorrowful
24—N. central State of United States (abbr.)
25—Seniors (abbr.)
27—Kept time
28—Bessie
30—Comparative suffix
32—Prefix. Upon
34—A grain
35—Director of Supplies and Transport (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

52—Markets
54—Point of compass (abbr.)
55—Egyptian sun-god
57—Part of a pig
58—Swiss river
60—Part of a deer's fastening
63—Insert
65—To bend over
67—Scrutinize
68—General course
69—Sterling (abbr.)
70—Elongated fish (pl.)
71—Amount, as of taxes

VERTICAL (Cont.)

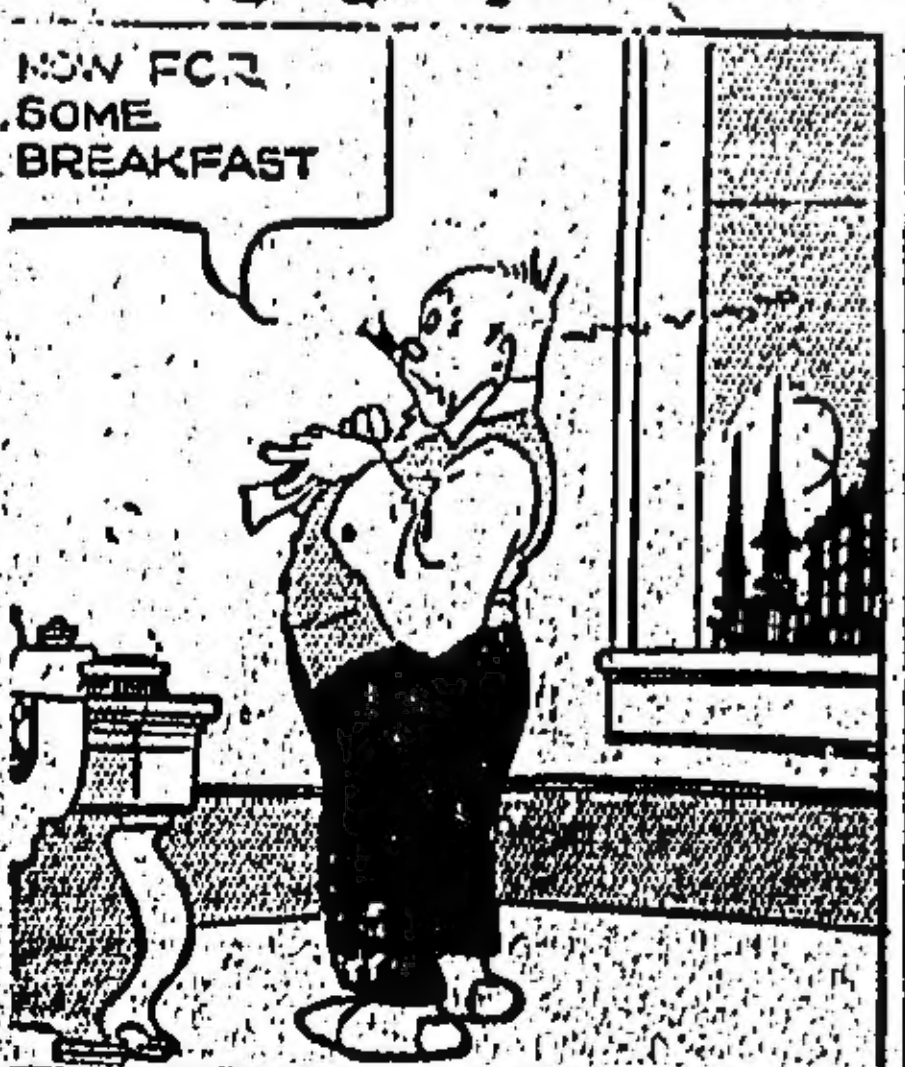
12—Irritable
13—Declaim
18—Youth
21—Abbot
22—Series
25—Scout
28—Any soft, doughy mass (Geol.)
29—To one side
30—Formerly (post.)
31—Regret
33—Freeze
35—Pedantic
37—A dollar (Sp.)
39—Lettuce
40—Benefit (post.)
43—Language of the Scottish Highlanders
44—Place out
46—Large landed properties
48—Butt
51—Ascend
52—Small rug
53—River in France
55—Spend
57—Fowl
59—Measure of length (pl.)
61—Observed
62—Segment
64—Salt (Lat.)
65—Seniors (abbr.)
66—Tantalum (abbr.)
68—State Militia (abbr.)

VERTICAL

1—To rate
2—Date of death of a person
3—Part of the face (pl.)
4—A weight measure (abbr.)
5—Heavenly body
6—Opium
7—Insect resembling a dragon-fly
8—Numbers (abbr.)
9—Treasurer (abbr.)
10—Moved rapidly
11—Man's name

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Saturday's issue.

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The boxes can be obtained from Mr. A. Morris, at the address mentioned above, or from Mr. S. F. Balfour, of the Colonial Secretariat. The Collection is to begin on April 1, between which date and May 1 the boxes should be circulated; when filled, they should be sent to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, which has kindly undertaken to receive same.

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FOR the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

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SPORT NOTICES

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 20th and MONDAY, 22nd April, 1935, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on each day. The First Bell will be rung at 12 o'clock Noon.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, April 15, 1935.

CLUB DE RECREIO

NOTICE

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING will be held on SUNDAY, the 5th May, instead of the date previously advertised.

FRED A. XAVIER,
Hon. Secretary.
Kowloon, 16th April, 1935.

BRIDGE NOTES

ON LEADING TRUMPS

by Ely Culbertson

If I were teaching Bridge to someone who wanted to lose instead of win, I might very possibly begin by teaching him that old alleged axiom, "When in doubt, lead trumps."

In the first place, I don't entirely understand the phrase. What, exactly, is meant by doubt?

In the second place, if you assume the doubt to be as thick as a London fog, there is probably no more advantage in leading trumps than in leading anything else.

In the third place, if the doubt is not that thick, it isn't doubt and the lead should be based on inferences rather than vague generalisations.

In the fourth place, the doubt should seldom, if ever, be that thick.

Nevertheless, there are cases when a trump lead is not only correct, but the only one which can defeat the contract, as in the hand below—but in this case the lead was selected by the West player not because he was floundering about and just happened to light upon the right card, but because he realised from the bidding that it would very probably aid his chances of defeating the contract if he reduced the Dummy's duffling power.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable

NORTH:—
S—O'10 6
H—7
D—A J 9 8
C—A Q 9 4 3

WEST:—
S—7 4 3
H—K Q 10 8 2
D—5 2
C—6 2

EAST:—
S—5 2
H—9 5
D—K Q 10 8 7
C—K J 10 7 5

SOUTH:—
S—A K J 9 8
H—A J 6 4 3
D—K 4
C—8

The bidding: (Figure after bid refers to numbered explanatory paragraph).

South West North East
1S Pass 2C Pass
2H Pass 3H Pass
3H Pass 4H Pass
4NT Pass 5NT Pass
6S(1) Pass Pass Pass
1—North's very fine bidding has painted an accurate picture of the hand to South, who is now able to contract for a slam despite the apparent presence of several losers. South is able to mark North with either 5-4-4 or 6-4-3-1 distribution. North has first bid clubs, showing five cards of that suit, then bid diamonds, showing a (Continued At Foot Of Next Col.)

NEW BOULEVARD IN PARIS

Avenue Theophile Delcasse

One more boulevard was added to the list of tree-lined thoroughfares in Paris on Wednesday last week when the Avenue Theophile Delcasse was opened to traffic. In the presence of the Foreign Minister, M. Pierre Laval and a distinguished gathering of guests.

four-card diamond suit, and subsequently supported spades, jumping the bidding at the same time. Since South has never rebid the spade suit, he knows that North would not support the suit without either four cards in it or at least three to the Queen. South first bid four notrump to suggest a grand slam. He did not intend to bid seven himself but wished to show North the possibility in case the latter wished to do so. Although the very sound bidding by North and South enabled them to reach a slam, it unfortunately also enabled the West player to demark North with either a side upon the correct opening lead. The latter realised from the bidding that the North and South hands, despite their apparent abundance of high cards, only fitted in one suit—the trump suit. West knew by merely looking at his own hand that he had the heart suit well under control since he was sitting behind South.

West further suspected, and quite correctly too, that his partner was in the same position over Dummy's diamonds and clubs. West therefore knew that the declarer would probably have to depend upon a cross-ruff to fulfil his contract if none of the suits could be established.

In an effort to utilise the temporary time advantage which the opening lead gives to the defending side, West chose as his opening side, West chose as his opening a low trump, realising that this might be his last opportunity to lead.

With any other opening lead but a trump South would have been able to fulfil his contract. He would simply have cashed his four high cards—the heart Ace, the diamond Ace and King, and the club Ace—and then cross-ruffed for the rest of the hand, making his eight trumps separately. With the trump lead this line of play was no longer open to South.

Of course, he still had a chance for the same if he could get up an extra diamond or club trick, but the way the cards lay this was impossible, because East held the club King and diamond Queen, so that a finesse in either of those suits would lose. So South was set, and the correct choice of an opening lead created a swing of over 1,000 points in East and West's favour.



The odd will of DeForrest F. Plazek (centre), late president of Kansas City Board of Trade, by which he left his fortune to the farm-horses shown above, to stenographers, and to University of Kansas, is being contested by Joseph M. Plazek, his half brother, and Mrs. Edna P. Gilpin, his half sister, also shown, on the ground that the bequest to the horses showed him of unsound mind.

MIND SLIPS BACK TWENTY YEARS

Strange Delusion Of Ex-Soldier

RE-LIVING EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST

An ex-soldier lying in his home at Teddington in Middlesex is reliving the Great War. His mind has suddenly slipped back twenty years and he believes that he is still in a war hospital.

He is Mr. J. H. Elliott, who was a Sergeant in the Royal Engineers.

He does not recognise his wife when he sees her and says that matron, would be angry "finding you not in uniform." Nor does he know his son, aged 12, and asks "what is this boy doing in a War hospital?"

Mr. Elliott, declared when shown a newspaper, that it must be old as it contains nothing about the War. He is unable to understand why his hair has gone grey.

Mr. Elliott is aged 52 and left his shop at Teddington complaining of a terrible headache. Two days later a parson in Teddington appeared from a pulpit congregation to help to find the missing man and prayers were offered for his safe return. That afternoon two members of the congregation saw Mr. Elliott walking on the road to Surrey. He did not recognise them, but was persuaded to enter their car and was driven home. When he arrived he said: "This is not my ward, I was in another ward facing the sea."

He wanted to know why he was unable to hear the sea, and why the trees were bare in summer. In the summer of 1917 Mr. Elliott was recuperating from a severe illness in the Military Hospital at Bourne-mouth and had been sent home from Flanders.

A curious coincidence is a play dealing with the loss of memory years after the Armistice, just produced in London entitled "The Man of Yesterday," which centres round a man whose mind, following a street accident in 1934, goes back to the War years.

No case of notifiable disease was reported in the Colony during the 24 hours ending on Tuesday.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V'S SILVER JUBILEE

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF CHARITIES

On the 6th May next the British Empire is giving thanks and praise that for 25 years His Majesty King George V has been preserved to bear the sceptre of sovereignty and maintain the unity of the Empire. His Majesty's great interest in all forms of charity is universally recognised and it is known that His Majesty desires this auspicious occasion to be in some manner dedicated to assisting charitable objects. It has, therefore, been decided to collect funds throughout this Colony for charitable purposes, the subscriptions not to exceed \$1 and humbly to pray His Majesty to nominate the charities in this Colony to which the moneys collected should be devoted.

The Charitable Collection Sub-Committee is providing boxes for the purpose of the collection and all those who wish to assist in this laudable object are asked to communicate with the Honourable Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., I.L.D., of China Building, Hong Kong, who is representing the Chinese Sub-Committee formed for this purpose or to Mr. S. F. Falfour of the Colonial Secretariat, Hongkong, who will arrange for collecting boxes to be forwarded.

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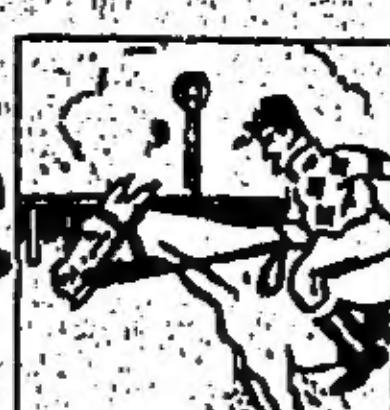
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Sporting Page



RECREIO DEFEAT KOWLOON IN POOR FIRST DIVISION CLASH



Boyes, the Kowloon custodian, effecting a save while Everett is covering him from any direct attack by Delgado, who is behind the group. (King's Studio.)

EAST LANCS BEAT ENGINEERS IN RETURN CLASH

Howlett Played At Centre Half

SANDFORD SCORES TWICE FOR WINNERS

The East Lincs decisively reversed last Saturday's result against the Engineers at Chatham Road yesterday evening, winning a re-arranged Second Division soccer fixture by four clear goals. Play throughout was fast and entertaining, a strong wind blowing down the pitch aiding each side in turn. The Engineers played under a handicap, being without the services of their centre-half, Hurst, who failed to put in an appearance.

Sound Defence

The East Lincs' defence was extremely confident and safe in all their clearances. Harwood and Steele showed splendid understanding, and kicked strongly and promptly whenever the Engineers, who played with only four forwards, threatened danger.

Of the halves, Carroll proved a hardworking pivot, tackling and distributing the ball in splendid style. He received able support from Eckerley, who subdued the Sappers' right-wing, and gave good assistance to the attack.

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EAST LANCS AND FUSILIERS FOR SATURDAY'S LIST

KEEN ENCOUNTER ANTICIPATED

JUNIOR STRING NOT YET SELECTED

The East Lincs will be represented in the First and Second Divisions in League Football this week-end, and their encounter against the Fusiliers will be one of the keenest played this season.

Quite a number of changes have been made in the senior eleven, and the most interesting is the promotion of Sandford and Carroll from their third string.

Sandford Improves

On his past displays, Sandford is well worth his place in any senior team, and will render a good account of himself before the season ends. He will lead the attack in place of Gorman, who will now

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K.C.C. BOWLS PLANS

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club are reminded that the Bowls green is open for practice every afternoon and that the League starts on April 27. Practice games will be played on Friday, Saturday and Monday.

Yesterday's Soccer Results At A Glance

FIRST DIVISION		
KOWLOON	0	RECREIO 3
SECOND DIVISION		
ENGINEERS	0	E. LANCS 4
YESTERDAY'S GOALSCORERS		
FIRST DIVISION		
Delgado (Recreio)	3	
SECOND DIVISION		
Sandford (East Lincs)	2	
Murphy (East Lincs)	1	
Thorpe (East Lincs)	1	

POSTPONED SOCCER FIXTURES

STRICT ACTION NECESSARY

TWO FIRST DIVISION TEAMS DISAPPOINTED

(By "ROVER")

The manner in which postponed fixtures are supposedly mutually arranged, and then not played off, calls for firm action by the League Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association.

Yesterday, three First Division matches were to have been played, but only one actually took place. At Caroline Hill, South China "B" and the referee turned up, but St. Joseph's were missing, while at Kowloon, the Artillery were similarly disappointed.

Three Weeks Left

With only three Saturdays before the season officially closes, some First Division teams have as many as seven outstanding games to fix dates for and it now appears that the Association will be obliged to fix dates and that the teams will have to play on those dates or forfeit the points and be dealt with as the Committee deem fit.

The Third Division fixtures are nearly finished, there being only a few games outstanding, while the last game on the fixture list for the Second Division will be played this week-end, leaving a fortnight in which to play-off any postponed games.

SEVERE SETBACK TO PORTUGAL TEAM

A. Ward Ill In Bed With Stomach Trouble

DELGADO MAY BE BROUGHT IN

A. Ward, Portugal's inside-right is at present ill in bed with stomach trouble and may not be able to play in the final of the Sunday Herald Cup on Sunday.

If this is the case, Portugal will receive a severe setback, as his absence will cause a reshuffle in the forward line. Delgado may be brought in while Castillo will probably play on the wing.

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DELGADO SHINES AT CENTRE-FORWARD

KOWLOON OUTPLAYED IN OPENING HALF

THOMSON AND WINCH SHINE FOR LOSERS

(By "ROVER")

ONE of the poorest soccer games this season was witnessed on the Kowloon Football Club ground yesterday, when the Recreio beat Kowloon by three clear goals in their re-arranged First Division League fixture.

The feature of the game was the excellent short-passing movements of the Recreio forwards in the opening half, when Castillo, Delgado and Gomes came into the limelight, Delgado's display being very good.

The shooting throughout was very poor although Delgado secured an excellent "hat-trick", his goals being good individual efforts. His second goal, when he deflected a low drive with his head, was one of the prettiest I have seen this season.



Mr. G. A. Harriman, the well-known local jockey, left the Colony to-day by the m.v. Cordillera. He was given a rousing send-off by many of his friends from the Jockey Club.

NAVY MAKE SEVERAL NEW TEAM CHANGES

GOODRICH COMES IN AS PIVOT

FIRST DIVISION GAMES ON CONSECUTIVE DAYS

Owing to a number of ships being at sea, several changes have been made in the Navy teams for their fixtures against the Artillery on Friday, and the Club on Saturday.

Goodrich, who has only been seen in League soccer on one previous occasion this season, has proved himself a worthy substitute for McGuire, and in the centre-half position, is sure to give Ross all the support required.

First Division
Cocker, Beard, Moss, Hughes, Goodrich and Barrett; Roberts, Kiley, Ross, Cannel and Skinner.
Second Division
McSweeney, Solomon, Courtney, White, Bowes and McDonald; Whymann, Males, Barstall, O'Donnell and Adams.
For their fixture against the Club on Saturday, the following have been selected:
Cocker, Beard, Moss, Hughes, Goodrich and Barrett; Roberts, Kiley, Cannel, Constable and Skinner.

ST. JOSEPH'S FAIL TO TURN UP

South China "B" To Claim Points

Several hundreds of spectators were disappointed at Caroline Hill yesterday when St. Joseph's failed to put in appearance for their First Division soccer encounter with South China "B".

It is understood that the game was put off until 5.15 from 5.00 to suit the convenience of the Saints, but as they had not turned up by 5.30 the Chinese team left the field and the Chinese secretary proposed to claim the points.

Kowloon was a much harassed team and simply could not settle down, although Winch at inside-left, and Thomson at outside-right, were very dangerous and were the heroes of the encounter.

Thomson Shines

The grim determination with which Thomson and Winch worked made them very dangerous, and Thomson twice wormed his way through the Recreio defence only to fall at the last hurdle.

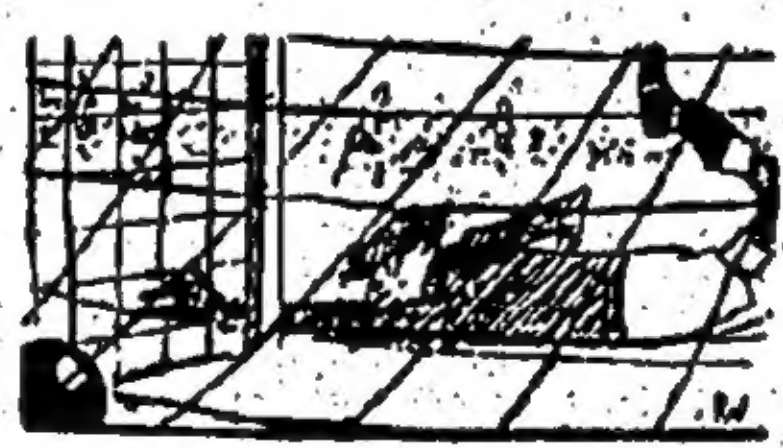
Winch was given very poor support by his winger, Knox, whose centres and passes were not of the right type.

Everest This Hard

Everest was the pick of the defence, working very hard and being a thorn in the side of the Recreio. His neat interceptions and terrific like methods in the second half were responsible for the deadening of the Recreio attack, although on the only occasion he slowed up, Alves swung across a centre from which Delgado scored his third goal.

Bliss and Boyd worked hard, but were beaten by the neat short passes of the Recreio attack. There were occasions, however, when Bliss might have intercepted a high pass, but was content to allow the ball to bounce with disastrous results.

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LEAGUE TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

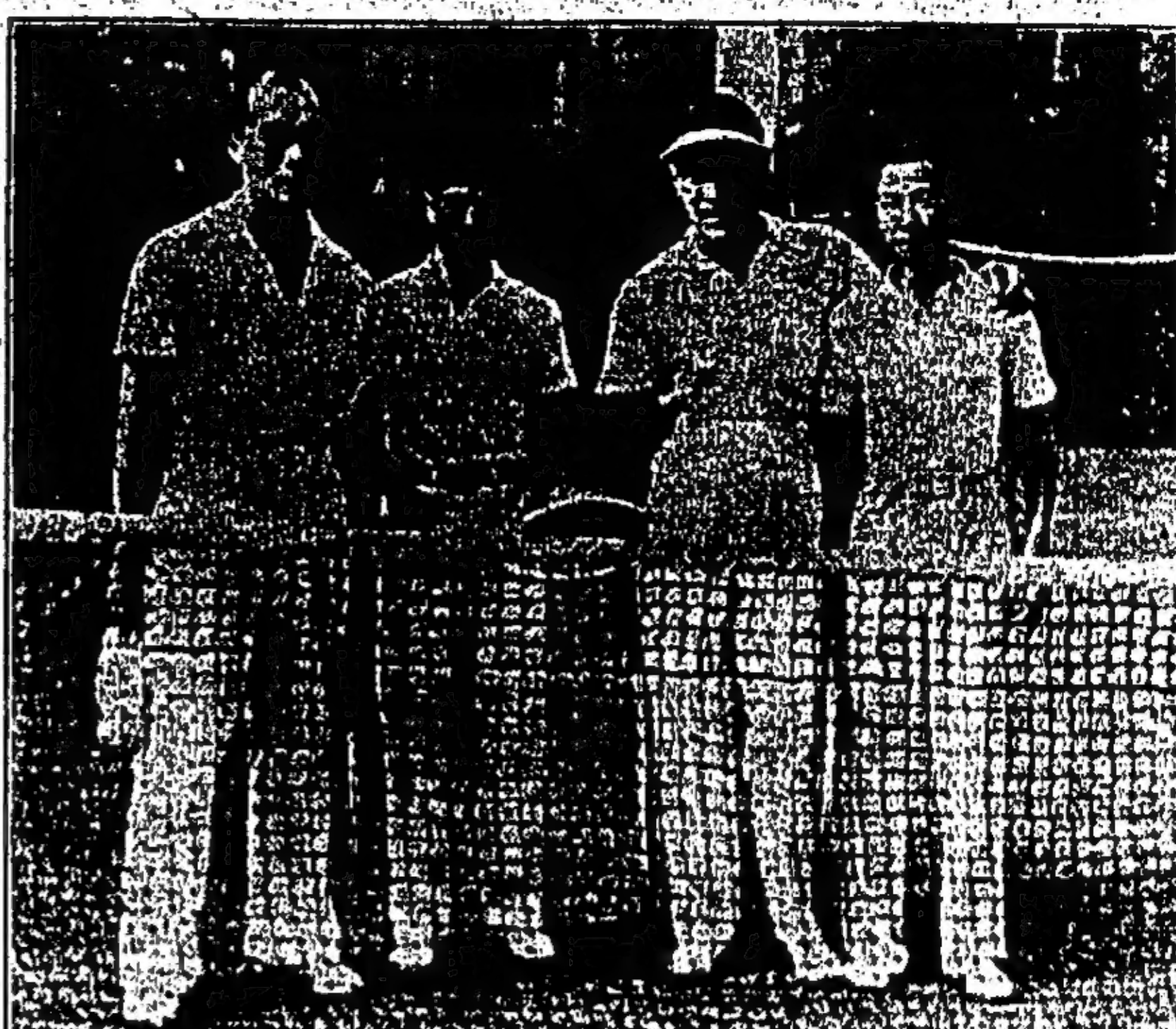
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
South China "A"	21	7	1	3	61	19	37
Club	20	6	4	4	41	37	24
Recreio	20	10	6	4	45	42	24
Police	18	8	4	6	43	31	22
South China "B"	19	9	6	4	44	35	22
Lincolns	22	10	10	2	45	44	22
Navy	19	8	7	4	35	25	20
Athletic	17	6	7	4	44	39	19
Fusiliers	17	6	8	5	36	31	17
St. Joseph's	19	5	11	3	24	49	13
Artillery	20	6	12	1	32	64	13
East Lincs	19	4	11	4	29	43	12
Kowloon	23	2	15	5	25	57	9

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Lincolns	19	18	1	0	65	21	56
East Lincs	20	16	4	1	62	18	51
Navy	20	12	6	2	59	38	28
South China	17	8	6	3	41	39	19
Engineers	17	8	7	2	35	39	18
Fusiliers	17	6	7	4	39	53	16
Artillery	18	7	9	2	33	34	16
Athletic	17	7	9	1	30	42	16
Club	21	5	11	5	28	57	15
Eastern	19	6	12	1	27	55	13
University	17	4	12	1	31	37	9
Kowloon	18	2	15	1	21	68	6

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
East Lincs	20	18	2	0	62	23	56
Lincolns	20	18	4	2	64	25	54
R.A.S.C.	20	18	5	2	49	38	53
R.A.M.C.	20	11	7	2	41	54	24
Fusiliers	17	11	6	0	53	31	22
Air Force	20	8	8	4	45	37	20
Recreio	19	7	9	3	45	43	19
R.A.O.C.	19	7	12	0	39	48	14
R.E.	20	5	12	2	22	54	13
Railway	19	5	14	2	23	78	13
Police	20	5	15	0	20	65	8



Paul Kong, H. D. Rumjahn, Lee Wai-tong and S. A. Rumjahn (from left to right), who took part in the semi-final round of the Open Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship at the H.K.C.C. yesterday. (King's Studio.)

ENGINEERS WIN AT SNOOKER

St. Patrick's Fail To Secure A Game

STEEL COULSON LEAGUE

The Steel, Coulson Snooker League match between the R.E. W.O's and Sgts' Mess and the St. Patrick's Club, played in the former's Mess yesterday, resulted in a win for the Royal Engineers to the tune of 5 games to 0.

This win raises the R.E. Mess to third position in the League Table, four points behind the leaders, whom they have yet to play.

Staples and Jones played excellent snooker, and, although big breaks were not a feature of the game, the positional play of both left little or nothing for their opponents who were often forced to concede points.

Captain Regan (R.E.) and Pile (H.K.P.) held joint honours for the highest score in any game, each making 97. This is closely followed by Bellamy (R.N.Y.P.) with 93, whilst Staples (R.E.) and Elsey (C. & P.O.) each have 86.

The highest break to date is held by Pereira (C.U.C.) with 124 being the previous best of 23 made by Bowler of the Garrison Sgts' Mess.

The result of the match played yesterday was as follows:
R.E. W.O's. 5 St. Patrick's 0
Staples 86 Nuttall 37
Hodges 64 Funnell 26
Finney 58 Damerell 17
Harris 48 Ross 37
Jones 76 Martin 40

EAST LANCS WIN AREA INTER-UNIT BOXING TITLE

DECISIVE DEFEAT OVER FUSILIERS

The final matches in the open inter-unit team boxing championship between the 2nd Battalion the East Lancashire Regiment and the 2nd Battalion the Royal Welch Fusiliers were fought off at the Shamshulpo military camp last night resulting in the former carrying off the title, with a total of 19 points, beating their opponents by five points.

Some hard hitting was witnessed and four members of the winning unit won by knock-outs.

The results were:
Bantam Weight—Bandaman Whitehouse lost to Fus. Fisher on points.
Feather Weight—1. Pte. Bennett beat Cpl. Price on points; 2. Pte. Whitehouse beat Fus. 85 Jones (knock-out in first round).

Light Weight—1. Dr. Maj. Quiller beat Fus. Owens on points; 2. Pte. Powley beat Fus. Kearney (knock-out in 2nd round).
Welter Weight—1. Pte. Neilson beat Sgt. Grindley (knock-out in 3rd round); 2. L/C. Mason beat Fus. 02 Thomas on points. Middle Weight—1. Pte. Dillon beat Fus. 80 Thomas (knock-out in 2nd round); 2. Bandaman Bagg lost to Fus. 43 Davies on points.

Heavy Weight—L/C. Gray lost to Fus. Bagley on points.
Light Heavy Weight—Pte. Jordan beat L/C. Carlisle on points.

MEDWAY OFFICERS TROUNCE CLUB IN HOCKEY MATCH

POOR HOCKEY SEEN AT KING'S PARK

BOTH TEAMS WELL BELOW FORM

In spite of the good work by A. A. R. Bothelo and T. Whitley, the right-wing combination, the Club seniors were defeated by the Medway Officers by 5 goals to 1, after a very scrappy hockey match at King's Park yesterday.

The Club pressed throughout the greater part of the game, but their forwards lacked understanding. C. L. Gregory, in goal, was very much below form.

Potter Wanders
The Club defence was also weak. J. E. Potter often unsightingly Gregory; his clearances were also not very accurate.

The Medway Officers played well below form, the only ones to show any understanding being Cheyne, the left-wing, and Cumberbach, the right-wing.

Medway's Early Lead
The Medway opened the score through Cheyne and added their second goal through Mills before the interval.

In the second half Cumberbach netted the third. A. T. Lay, the Club centre-forward, then scored the Club's only goal. Before the end of the match Cheyne added two more goals.

MAMAK HOCKEY STATISTICS FOR 1934-5 SEASON

ENGINEERS' FINE GOAL AVERAGE

COLONY LEADER HEADS GOAL-SCORING LIST

The Mamak Hockey tournament has officially concluded with the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club as the New Champions, securing 31 points out of a possible 32 in 16 games, while the Royal Engineers (Continued on Page 5)

FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
K.I.T.C.	16	15	0	1	45	9	31
Engineers	16	12	0	4	42	23	28
Police H.C.	16	11	2	3	41	12	25
St. Andrew's	16	9	4	3	32	24	21
Radio	14	9	4	1	35	19	19
Signals	16	7	4	5	35	30	19
H.M.S.							
Suffolk	13	4	6	3	24	23	11
United	16	7	6	3	25	22	17
R.A.S.C.	14	4	6	4	21	22	12
H.M.S. Suffolk	13	4	6	3	24	23	11
University	14	2	6	6	13	30	10
H.M.S.							
Diamond	12	2	6	4	14	26	8
H.M.S. Partisan	9	3	5	1	13	27	7
H.M.S.							
Corwall	15	1	10	4	7	45	5
H.M.S. Medway	4	2	2	1	6	8	5
H.M.S. Duncan	11	2	8	1	14	25	5
11th Bty. R.A.	13	1	10	2	5	4	4
C.B.A.	5	1	2	2	6	7	4
H.M.S. Dalry	11	1	10	0	9	45	2

(Qualification 16 goals.)

RUMJAHNS WIN

LEE AND KONG ARE BEATEN IN STRAIGHT SETS

Second Set Rally Unavailing

"S. A." AT HIS BEST

(By "REFEREE")

Being unable to settle down in the first set, and having their determined efforts frustrated in the second set — they led 4-0 — Lee Wai Tong and Paul Kong bowed to the Rumjahn cousins, holders of the Doubles title for the past 10 years, by scores of 7-5, 9-7, 6-2 in the Semi-Final Round of the Colony Lawn Tennis Doubles Championship at the H.K.C.C. yesterday.

Sirdar Rumjahn was the outstanding player on the court. He was far more aggressive than usual, and his play was greatly improved as a result. He made some really wonderful recoveries, and his overhead work was more accurate than it has been for some time.

H. D. Rumjahn Overshadowed
H. D. Rumjahn was very consistent, but was overshadowed by his cousin's brilliance.

Lee Wai Tong provided the strength of the opposition, though he seldom revealed the form that caused S. A. Rumjahn such anxiety in the singles quarter-final. He failed to bring off his clever angle volleying with such frequency, and his half-volley shot was not as reliable and profitable in a doubles match. His lobbing, however, was of a high standard throughout.

Kong Unimpressive

Paul Kong, with the exception of the second set, was unimpressive, being outpositioned on several occasions. In the second set, however, he was very prominent in many crisp volleying duels which were invariably terminated by a winner from his racket. His overhead work throughout was weak.

Having won through this stiff hurdle, the Rumjahns are now hot favourites for their eleventh title success.

Ricketts Favoured To-day

The first semi-final tie in the Open Singles Lawn tennis championship takes place on the Stand Court of the H.K.C.C. this afternoon, weather permitting, when Ho Ka-lau, who eliminated the holder, Tsui Wai-pui, meets G.R.M. Ricketts.

Ricketts has improved considerably since last season, when he lost to Tsui Wai-pui in the quarter-finals, and should enter his first final to-day.

With his great variety of strokes and deadly overhead smashes from practically the centre of the court, he should completely outplay his opponent, who relies to a great extent upon his backhand and a drop shot just over the net.

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"SEQUOIA" FINEST ANIMAL FILM
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"ONE NIGHT OF LOVE" GOES TO KOWLOON

By Diane

"Sequoia"

IF you want to make sure of seeing one of the best pictures of the year then don't miss this one. It has been in production ever since Paramount bought Major Yeats-Brown's best-selling autobiography four years ago.

Ernest Schoedsack went to India and spent thousands of dollars in backgrounds "shots." The cast was changed often, and out of them all only Gary Cooper and Sir Guy Standing remain. An obscure specialist in "Westerns"—Henry Hathaway, was called in to finish the job started by many others, and deserves the highest praise for his excellent direction.

The scenic background defies description and it is difficult to tell which part was photographed in India and which within 50 miles of Hollywood. We are given magnificent views of the Khyber Pass, of warfare in the hills, of military exercises, of pigsticking, in fact this picture has everything in the way of thrills, suspense, stark drama, colourful atmosphere and amusing light moments.

Although the love interest is negligible (for which I am thankful) ones interest is held every moment. The locale is the Northwest Frontier, where the Bengal Lancers are stationed to keep Mohammed Khan and the hill tribes from insurrection. I think it a pity to hint at the plot, so I will only tell you that the dialogue is specially fine and the acting perfection. Upon the shoulders of the men (luckily only one woman—Kathleen Burke—makes a fleeting appearance) rests the tremendous burden and they carry it through with gallant humour and the quiet heroism of Major Yeats-Brown's characters.

The elimination of all love-interest is to be commended and shows the courage and common sense behind this truly magnificent production. Some of the critics think Gary Cooper steals the show, but I hardly think he overshadows Franchot Tone, Sir Guy Standing and young Richard Cromwell, although it must be frankly admitted that Cooper acts the hard-bitten warm-hearted soldier to perfection, and Franchot Tone is a delight and surprises in the "Robert Montgomery" school of acting.

When you see the list of names in the long cast you will agree that Paramount chose wisely. Besides those already mentioned, we have C. Aubrey Smith, Monte Blue, Douglas Dumbrille, Colin Tapley, Jameson Thomas, Lumsden Hare and others.

Soldiering in modern India is excitingly pictured against a glamorous, realistic background. It is a chronicle of masculine gallantry, distinctly different from the usual film and is a beautifully told sentimental story of heroism, while the acting and direction make it easily one of the finest ever turned out by Paramount.—(Central and Alhambra).



Claude Rains rises to new heights in "The Man Who Reclaimed His Head," the Universal production at the King's Theatre to-day.

A genuine novelty that almost reaches epic qualities, "Sequoia" (pronounced so a helpful publicity department tells us—"See Kwoh-yah") is not an animal picture that needs sensational advertisement.

The great beauty of this film is that it is much more of a nature story than a thriller, although there are several fights and chases, but none of the sordid killing we have as a rule in the jungle films, which are revolting to animal lovers.

Vance Joseph Hoyt wrote a simple story, describing the friendship—artificially inspired—of two animals, one of whom might eat the other at any moment. Here this marvel is seen before your eyes upon the screen.

A girl (Jean Parker) living on the edge of the animal reservation, "adopts" a baby puma and a young deer. She decides to train them



Lovely Irene Dunne will be seen at the Alhambra and Central Theatres soon in Warner Bros. musical romance, "Sweet Adeline." The cast of this film includes Donald Woods, Hugh Herbert, Ned Sparks, Joseph Cawthorn and Dorothy Dare.

to be friends, and experienced forest men laugh at her, but the experiment succeeds. There are wonderful scenes of the kinship between the grown up animals, and when the deer is in danger the puma comes to the rescue.

There are a few fakes, the Director Chester Franklin admits, but there is no fake between the friendship of the puma and the deer. The close-ups of the animals reflect great credit upon the patience and skill of the camera men.

The American forest background is superb, which makes the Director, camera men and animals the real stars in this perfect Nature film. There are some humans too, Jean Parker, Russell Hardie, Paul Hurst, Samuel Hinds, Benny Hall and a few others, but the animals steal the picture with the greatest of ease.

"Gato" and "Mailbou," the two principal animals, must either have been genuinely mately or else wonderful actors, because the development of their relationship is shown in such detail that it cannot have been done by careful posing and grouping alone.

There are moments when you will be choked with sobs, and yet bound to admit that this is easily the finest animal film made, which should prove an example to other animal picture makers. Take the children. You are all in for a treat (Queen's).

IN "The Man Who Reclaimed His Head" we are given the opportunity to admire the sardonic actor Claude Rains (seen here in "The Invisible Man" and "Crime without Passion") and one cannot help remarking on his individual personality, unlike anyone else on the screen.

The story is interesting and most unusual. It is a picture with a definite purpose and presents a powerful and absorbing plea that cannot fail to impress every thinking person.

The theme is the great necessity for world peace, although from what I have heard quite a few connect this baffling title with the first success made by the same star. It has nothing to do with invisibility and tells of a shell-shocked soldier who is obsessed with the idea that the man who tricked him into going to war has stolen his identity. The truth is revealed in a thoroughly convincing manner.

Claude Rains, as the writer of editorials denouncing war and the greed of munition-makers who encourage it, is the tool and the brain behind the powerful publisher—excellently played by Lionel At-



The happiness belongs in this case to Irene Dunne and Donald Woods—and they're happy about their new picture, "Sweet Adeline." Warner Bros. glamorous picture, coming to the Central and Alhambra Theatres soon.

"Ruggles Of Red Gap"

This is one of the finest screen comedies ever made, and from that screaming start when an English Lord (Roland Young) has to tell "Ruggles"—his "gentleman's gentleman" (Charles Laughton) that he has "lost" him in a poker game to a couple of rich Americans engaged in seeing Paris, right through his adventures in the home town of the Flouds (Charles Ruggles and Mary Boland, looking specially handsome in the gowns of the early nineties) where he meets with romance and finds that all men are born equal, you will surely admit that this Harry Leon Wilson story is a very human and entertaining comedy where slapstick is mixed with subtlety.

Charles Laughton as "Ruggles" is nominally the star, but he spoils what might be a splendid effort in his first comedy role, with that usual air that annoys me, which conveys that he feels he is getting remarkably well. I give the palm to Charles Ruggles and Mary Boland as the Flouds and they are deliciously funny.

Roland Young plays the Earl with polish and restraint, making one regret he is seen for so short a while on the screen. Zasu Pitts also has far too little to do and the same is to be said of that excellent comedienne Maude Eburne. I have never seen Lella Hyams looking more lovely, and the other minor roles are adequately filled.

Charles Laughton does not hesitate to say that he thinks his characterisation of "Ruggles" his best screen achievement, but I think he has this opinion of himself also in "Henry VIII" and "Barretts of Wimpole Street." Some of the old movie fans may recall Edward Everett Horton in this role, while William Austin was the Earl and the Scotchman, the late Ernest Torrence, was the rich American Floud. This, if I remember rightly, was also a Paramount release.

I think much credit is due to the Director Leo McCarey who is specially good in handling comedy. Strongly advised. (Alhambra).

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SHORT SHOTS

WARNERS are preparing no fewer than five musicals for this year, and Dick Powell, Joan Blondell, Bill Gargan and Louise Fazenda in "Broadway Gondolier" will be the first of the releases.

Ramon Novarro has started making films in Spanish for an independent firm.

For once Hollywood will cast a foreign actress in a suitable role. Unlike Mady Christians, a musical comedy artist who was put into heavy drama, Marta Eggerth will play in English the role she made famous in "Maskerade."

Rumour has it that Harold Lloyd will play the lead in the Paramount picture "The Milky Way" in place of Jack Oakie.

Mvna Loy will be co-starred with Clark Gable in "Dark Dames." He is at present on location in the snow regions round Washington with Loretta Young in Jack London's "Call of the Wild."

Reliance Pictures will do "The Last of the Mohicans," with Merle Oberon as the leading lady. Rest of cast not yet chosen.

Ernst Lubitsch has temporarily retired from directing and has assumed heavy responsibility as Chief Executive at Paramount.

"Les Miserables," starring Freddie March and Charles Laughton, is ready for early release. Laughton is now on a hurried visit to London.

"The Glass Key" by Dashiell Hammett, author of "The Thin Man," will have George Raft in the male lead and a new girl from the stage, Rosalind Gull.

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WHITEAWAY LAIDLAW

The China Mail

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The British Budget

It is very difficult to imagine exactly what the critics of the Budget introduced by Mr. Neville Chamberlain expected or what they would have done, themselves under the same circumstances. The figures and the small remissions of taxation are almost exactly in correspondence with the anticipations given in the English newspapers that have already arrived, and it is clear that the revenue has come in and been disposed of "according to plan." Leaving out of account altogether the American War Debt about which there are no signs of a satisfactory settlement being offered or arranged, the interest on the Debt payable in sterling is exactly two hundred millions a year more than it was before the war, and the collection of that sum deprives the Chancellor of the opportunity of proposing anything sensational. One cannot quite forget that American Debt, although there is nothing done about it at the moment. The unpaid interest is mounting up, even though it is only a book entry; and it is well known that Mr. Baldwin when he made the existing settlement by which he undertook to pay principal and interest "to the last cent" made no stipulation about arrears and compound interest. Every year adds to the total; and the position now is that although the amount paid of calculated in pounds sterling and at the present price of gold would have been enough to bring the original obligation to a manageable sum, the paper total now must have mounted again to the old figure. It is obviously impossible to ask any taxpayers to shoulder the burden again, and it is rather extraordinary that no new actuarial scheme is not adopted. Only one motive can account for the omission:—the deliberate aim at destroying the credit and currency of sterling as a world currency. It is well known also that both President Hoover and President Roosevelt have used their influence in favour of a reasonable policy, and that if nothing has been done it is not the fault of the high officers of state that have experienced of finance. At the same time it is to be noted that the present position defeats what is often stated to be the policy of the American Government. Many people say that when the silver purchasing campaign has been completed the intention is to call a Conference and bring

about a bimetallic stabilised currency for the trade of the world. The object is unexceptionable; it is just what we want. But the method cannot succeed. It would mean that the U.S.A. dollar would become the international standard, and that would not meet the case of a world that is unable to send goods to the creditor country because of a high tariff that excludes them. To expect England to go back on to gold with the prospect of new demands for Debt payments is out of the question.

The real crux of the Budget is the question of unemployed relief, which has already been dealt with by a separate measure; and the outlook is not encouraging. It was found that the local committees were interpreting the existing law in inconsistent methods of payment, which resulted in the out-of-works in one District getting more than those in another. After elaborate enquiries and discussions a new scale and regulations were promulgated to secure uniformity and a certain amount of economy. So furious an agitation arose that it became clear that it would be fatal to the Government; for, in several bye-elections it was found that this question influenced thousands of votes. It was proved that the new scale gave more to many applicants who had previously been getting less than was their due. But argument was of no avail, and the Government gave way. The result was that those to whom higher grants had been given were authorised to retain them, while those who had had their grants reduced got the old amount restored. The temper of English opinion is all in favour of doing all that can be done for the unfortunate people who cannot find work. But it is disturbing to realise that it is the class who are being assisted with public money that holds the balance of political power.

Without the double advantage of an increase of the employed and a corresponding decrease of the recipients of relief it will remain impossible for the Chancellor to reduce the capital amount of the debt, which is crippling every sort of industry. It is all to the good that there is a balance of about twenty million to reduce the debt by that amount; but as against a total of seven thousand million the reduction is pitifully small; and it is notable that several of the small increases in the votes portend larger increases in the future. One cannot but be glad that the old country is carrying on without any slip backwards, and the avoidance of any disturbing experiments is probably the best way to revive confidence; but only a much more rapid rate of advance would remove anxiety.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

FRIEND OF SMUTS

Mr. G. H. Wilson, the new editor of the *Cape Times*, comes of a well-known family of English journalists.

Two of his brothers occupy responsible posts in London journalism.

Mr. G. H. Wilson is a close friend of General Smuts. On his week-ends at Smuts's country estate they sit far into the night talking. That, and walking, are Mr. Wilson's only recreations.

His appointment will be popular in Capetown. He is a man without an enemy.

OUTSPOKEN EDITOR

Mr. Basil Long, his predecessor, is a man of strong views, frequently and fearlessly expressed.

General Hertzog once attempted to fix personal responsibility for political comment in newspapers by passing a law that it must be signed.

Long wrote the political leaders of the "Cape Times." To meet General Hertzog's demands and at the same time express his own view, he put at the bottom of them:

"Written by B. K. Long—to express the policy of the 'Cape Times'."

He is respected in Capetown for his outspokenness. He is also feared.

His leading article on the death of J. B. Robinson must be the most frank obituary that was ever written.

He is a fluent and attractive speaker, on any subject.

Your Daily Smile!

Mistress: "Bridget, aren't those eggs cooked yet?"
Bridget: "No, ma'am. I've boiled them for two hours, but they're not soft yet!"

More Practical
A youth, "I wouldn't have 'George' to his dearest Alice' engraved on the ring. If Alice changes her mind, you can't use the ring again."
"What would you suggest?" asked the young man.
"I would suggest the words, 'George, to his first and only love.'"

Evolution
"It was Grandad's ambition to have a 'big and a gal'."
"Yes, and Dad wanted to have a silver and a fapper."
"And the son will probably want a plane and a Jane."

His Experience
Two women were waiting for a bus, which was nearly full when it came along.
"Room for one inside and one on top," said the conductor.
"But surely you wouldn't separate mother and daughter?"
"I did once," replied the conductor, as he rang the bell, "but never again."

NEW COMMODORE

To Take Over Duties On Saturday

Captain C. G. Sedgwick, successor to Commodore Frank Elliott, as Commodore in charge of the Naval Establishments at Hong Kong, will hoist his broad pennant on H.M.S. Cornwall at 8 a.m. to-morrow. Commodore Frank Elliott's broad pennant will be hoisted on H.M.S. Tamar. As Captain Sedgwick is senior to Commodore Elliott, H.M.S. Tamar will salute H.M.S. Cornwall with 11 guns. The salute will be immediately returned by H.M.S. Cornwall.

Commodore Elliott's broad pennant will then be struck, and at 8 a.m. on Saturday Commodore Sedgwick's broad pennant will be hoisted on H.M.S. Tamar. Foreign warships, in the harbour, including the U.S.S. Tulsa and the Portuguese light cruiser, *Gonzalves Zarco*, will salute the new Commodore.

HEROIN PILL HAUL

250 Sold Per Day Says Defendant

Pleading guilty to a charge of having 1,014 heroin pills in his possession, Li Tin, a divan keeper, was fined \$1,000 in default of six months' imprisonment by Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

Revenue Officer Brown stated

A STRONGER NAVY FOR BRITAIN

REQUIRED TO ENSURE EMPIRE'S SECURITY

AIR POWER INSUFFICIENT BY ITSELF

(By Admiral Sir Roger Keyes)

THE Government "Statement relating to Defence" has been violently assailed by the Socialist and Liberal Opposition and by a section of people in the country who honestly believe—that the disarmament of Great Britain, whatever any other nation may do, is the only way to bring about world peace.

During the Parliamentary debate on March 11 and the discussion on the Naval Estimates on March 14, the attitude of the Opposition clearly showed that they intend to try to make political capital out of the Government's wise and statesmanlike pronouncement and very modest contribution towards naval efficiency.

If their insidious propaganda, fallacies and mis-statements of fact were to be met with a vigorous counter-attack, every true British man and woman, and every friend of Great Britain in the world, would rally to the support of the Government, in opposition to the internationalist policy of the Socialists.

It was the Socialists who declared at the annual conference at Southampton last year that they would introduce an Act of Parliament to hand over the security of the British Empire to the League of Nations.

Peace Our Aim

Let us examine this much-abused White Paper. Surely no one can quarrel with the preamble in Clause 1, which declares "that the establishment of peace on a firm footing is the principal aim of British foreign policy." If disarmament is the solution of the age-old problem we are all trying to solve, no one can honestly maintain that Great Britain has not given a generous lead in this direction.

After outlining all the efforts made by our successive Governments since the war to "promote the preservation of peace by treaty," the White Paper goes on to say that:

"Hitherto, in spite of many setbacks, public opinion in this country has tended to assume that nothing is required for the maintenance of peace except the existing international political machinery, and that the older methods of defence—Navies, Armies and Air Forces—on which we have hitherto depended for our security in the last resort, are no longer required."

If this statement accurately represents feeling in the country in general it is high time for the Government to issue an authoritative statement sufficiently strongly worded to remind the people of the ever-recurring lessons of history, which record with unflinching regularity the humiliations and defeats Britain has suffered when her armed forces and maritime power had been allowed to decline and decay, because the political horizon was for the moment clear.

Other Powers Arming

To the relief of many thousands of supporters of the National Government who have been watching our dwindling defences with great concern, Clause 1 of the White Paper concludes:

"The National Government intends to pursue by every practicable means, without intermission, a National policy of peace. But it can no longer close its eyes to the fact that adequate defences are still required for security and to enable the British Empire to play its full part in maintaining the peace of the world."

It is simply incredible that any political party aspiring to govern should attempt to make capital out of such a sane, obvious, though belated, declaration.

Clause 2 points out that while all parties have been seeking to carry out the policy outlined above there has been a steady decline "in the effective strength of our armaments by sea, land and air." "In this way we have taken great risks for peace," but "our example of unilateral disarmament has been a fairly large divan," and the defendant claimed to sell about 250 pills a day. Five smokers were on the floor at the time of the raid.

armament had not succeeded." Clause 3 draws attention to the fact that Germany has "re-armed openly on a large scale, despite the Versailles Treaty, and recalls that she gave notice of withdrawal from the League of Nations and the Disarmament Conference. Japan also has withdrawn from the League. All the Great Powers have added to their armed forces. In these circumstances the Government had no choice but to put British armaments in a condition to safeguard us against potential dangers.

Guarding The Seas

I think the Government and their technical advisers, the three Chiefs of the Staff—who work together in loyal co-operation—are to be congratulated on the wise and timely reminder of the functions of the Navy contained in Clause 4. These have been rather lost sight of by the general public of late years.

"If peace should be broken the Navy is, as always, the first line of defence for the maintenance of our essential sea communications." This should clear the air of the mischievous propaganda which has so greatly added to the difficulties of those who have been responsible for providing an adequate Naval defence during the last 17 years.

We have been continually told that navies are obsolete and redundant, and that money spent on ships should be diverted to the provision of an immense Air Force, which would provide all the necessary defence of the Empire. But Imperial defence is not quite so easy as that.

The development of the power, range, and speed of modern aircraft has in no way relieved or lightened, but has only increased, the anxieties and responsibilities of the Admiralty. A study of geography will show that there are vast ocean spaces in which aircraft other than those operated from ships could not possibly have any influence.

The Capital Ship

If our seaborne communications, on which the very life of the country depends, were cut by an enemy who did not regard navies as obsolete and redundant, our factories would cease work and our people would starve; our aeroplanes would soon cease to fly, owing to lack of seaborne petrol and lubricating oil, on which they are dependent.

On the other hand, aircraft operated from warships or aircraft carriers have greatly lengthened the striking power of a navy, if the fleet that carries them has command of the sea. But the aircraft carriers are very vulnerable, and cannot work unprotected by warships.

The main fleet is the basis on which our naval strategy rests, and in the main fleet the capital ship remains the essential element upon which the whole structure of our naval strategy depends, as the White Paper declares. This is not only the opinion of the Board of Admiralty, but also of those who are responsible for the navies of the "four" other great maritime Powers.

The capital ship may, in years to come, develop into something different from the battleship, which is the capital ship of to-day. We have made every possible effort, in the interests of economy, to limit the displacement and gun-power of the capital ship of to-morrow. But so long as the four other maritime

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Lady: "I am sorry, but I buy nothing at the door."
Hawker: "Then if you don't mind I will come in."

Shipping Company Hit By Depression

Large Deficit Reported By Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd.

CHAIRMAN PESSIMISTIC

A loss of £45,808.15.3d., as against a small profit of £29,836.15.0d., in 1934, was recorded at the annual general meeting of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., which was held at the registered offices this morning, and which was presided over by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

This big deficit was attributed partly to the rise of silver and partly to China's internal troubles, the Chairman remarking that he had sensed a better feeling at home, in India, Malaya and Japan, but it had appeared to him then, as it did now, that the bottom of the depression in China had not yet been reached.

The Chairman was supported by the Hon. Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. M. T. Johnson and Mr. S. T. Williamson (Directors) and Sir William Shenton, who represented the Company's solicitors. Mr. P. Tod, the Secretary, was also in attendance.

Shareholders were represented by Messrs. N. L. H. Raiton, W. E. Kirby, Chan Wing, A. C. Wilcox, A. N. da Silva, H. W. Dulley, T. R. Macdonald, J. Baptista, M. H. Lo, J. Fleming, A. Murdoch, F. C. Hall and M. L. Raiton.

Chairman's Speech

The chairman, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, in his review of the year, said:—

"In common with most other shipping companies throughout the world we found trade in a parlous state during 1934, and I regret to say that the Balance of Steamers' Working Accounts showed a loss of £45,808.15.3d., as compared with a small profit of £29,836.15.0d. in 1933. There were one or two bright spots in an otherwise depressing year, but these unfortunately were not of sufficient moment to turn the scale—in fact they merely served to form a sharp contrast to conditions in our essential services.

"When I last addressed you I sensed a better feeling at home, in India, Malaya and Japan, but it appears to me now, as it did then, that the bottom of the depression in China has not yet been reached.

"Business between India, Malaya and Japan has even increased to some extent and the Company's Line connecting these countries benefited proportionately. Our main interests, however, lie along the coast and rivers of China where trade continued to shrink and, as might be expected under the circumstances, the scramble for business by competitors reached unparalleled severity. With smaller cargoes and devalued tariffs, the earnings of our Coastal and Yangtze Lines suffered considerably, but you may rest assured that this Company maintained its share.

Rise of Silver

"Last year at this Meeting I expressed apprehension as to what would happen if silver rose and did not take accommodations along; this happened and business has never been worse. To put all the blame on high silver of course would not be fair, China's internal troubles have told their tale, but high silver is likely to be the last straw.

"Coming nearer home, though Hong Kong is bound up inseparably with the trade of China and suffered from the continued depression, we have fortunately escaped the financial stringency of Shanghai. We are indebted to the Government for their continued searches on steamers for unmanifested cargo and pirates masquerading as passengers. These may prove irksome measures, at times but I am confident they do act as a deterrent.

Only One Piracy's

"As regards Piracy, we may count ourselves fortunate in having only a single case last year. It occurred on one of our chartered steamers from Shanghai to Hong Kong, but the circumstances were not as serious as they might have been. Still, with others fresh in your memory, it reminds us that this scourge on the high seas has not been eradicated. Prevention is required, not cure. The Navy works under great difficulties and is to be highly commended on the service given. Without this help passengers business would be impossible.

"Turning to smuggling, the preventive measures we inaugurated at various ports together with the ready assistance of our Officers afloat have, to some extent, arrested this illicit traffic as far as we are concerned, but I fear that until the Customs Authorities are able to mete out adequate punishment to the actual culprits, instead of taking the easier course of fining ships, smuggling will continue to be a profitable venture for those engaged in it. During the year we were mulcted in some heavy fines, and, though I appreciate the difficulties of the Customs, it does seem hard that the ship should pay.

No Major Casualty

"Once again your Directors are happy to report the absence of any major casualty in the Fleet, and, though there were a few minor accidents, inseparable from an organisation of our extent, yet I am sure you will join with me in thanking the Floating Staff for this excellent record.

"They, and the Staff ashore, have co-operated wholeheartedly with the General Managers and this spirit is gratefully acknowledged by the Directors generally and myself in particular, for I realise fully that the difficulties of running steamers become greater as time goes on. For these reasons the Directors and General Managers regret exceedingly that amongst other economies they were obliged to effect last year, the staff were called upon to make further sacrifices.

"Economies have continued to be the special concern of all connected with the Company, and I wish to assure you that the reduction of expenses will continue to be studied carefully and introduced wherever possible.

Ship Sold at Profit

"As stated in the Report the 'Luenho' was sold at a profit on Rook Value. With approaching age she was becoming too costly to operate, and, though it meant depriving one of our passenger services on the Yangtze, the difficulty was overcome by fitting out the 'Pingwo'—a cargo vessel—with up-to-date accommodation, thus one ship is doing the work of two. Since the close of the year the 'Yusan' was also disposed of for similar reasons.

"Additions to the Fleet were two bulk-oil lighters and a small oil storage pontoon for Chungking, to which reference was made by me last year. In order to supply the urgent need for new tonnage on one of our most important routes, your Directors decided to lay down a modern passenger coaster and favourable arrangements were made with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to finance her construction.

"Tenders were invited from several Shipbuilding Yards with special attention directed to light draft, speed, and economical operation. After careful study the contract was awarded to Messrs. Lithgows of Glasgow, and I am confident the new steamer will prove a valuable acquisition to the company when she arrives out here this Autumn. Special thought has been given to the comforts of passengers as has also the need for the rapid delivery and safe handling of the miscellaneous cargoes she will be called upon to carry.

"Houdini" Followers Fined \$10 For Disorderly Conduct

Appearing on remand, 21 of the 22 Chinese charged with disorderly conduct in front of the Wanchai Police Station on Tuesday, were each fined \$10, in default 10 days' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning.

As no evidence could be brought against Lam Ping-cheuk, he was subsequently discharged with a caution.

In giving evidence, one of the witnesses, police constable No. 109, stated that the crowd shouted, "Look at the flying

RUSSIAN WITHOUT PASSPORT

Registers At Hotel In
Chinese Name

Vasily P. Savin, a Russian, was this morning fined \$50, in default one month's imprisonment, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Central Police Court, for entering the Colony without a valid passport.

Detective Sergeant Mottran stated that the arrest of the defendant was purely accidental. He was seen on a tram-car and divide it between the four of us, arrested. He had been staying at the Luk Kwok Hotel, where of meat we've had during the by some means he had managed four weeks that we've been to register in a Chinese name. He had some kind of Chinese seeing as it's likely to be the last document, which was more of a certificate than a passport, and this was not valid here. Moreover it had no visa.

Detective Sergeant Mottran asked His Worship to take a serious view of this case as the defendant is an undesirable person.

TRIBUTE TO MR. J. H. THOMAS

A portrait of Mr. J. H. Thomas, by Mr. Ernest Townsend, was hung in Derby Art Gallery, given to the town by Mr. F. W. Hampshire, in appreciation of Mr. Thomas's 25 years' service as member for Derby.

Transfer from General Reserve

"Turning now to the Statement of Accounts, you will note there is a loss on the Working of Steamers of £45,808.15.3d. No charge has been made against Revenue Account for depreciation during the year, as will be explained presently, and, after allowing for all other Liabilities etc., there remains a debit of £61,323.19.9d. To provide for this loss it is proposed to transfer £62,000.0.0d. from General Reserve Account and to carry forward £676.0.3d. to the year 1935. Under these circumstances I am sorry to say a Dividend is out of the question. For the past three years, the Directors have waived their Fees amounting to £1,500.0.0d. per annum and, as I have stated before, these sums are not held in suspense.

"Dealing with the Balance Sheet, I refer you to the Circular addressed to Shareholders on the June 9 last in which was set out the decision of the Directors, with the approval of the Auditors, to revalue the Fleet on the basis of present day shipping values by allocating £702,967.14.0d. from Reserve Accounts in capital depreciation. This move was forecasted in my speeches at the ordinary general meetings on June 17, 1931, and April 11, 1934, and, as explained in the circular, one of the major effects of the revaluation will be to reduce very considerably the annual charge for depreciation, which in recent years has been provided largely by drawing on Reserves, working profits having been insufficient to cover such a heavy charge.

Value Of Company's Property

"As the Balance Sheet shows, the value of the Company's Floating property now stands at £645,237.5.6d. including new additions of £44,931.5.6d. This figure, Gentlemen, represents a very conservative estimate of the existing market prices of tonnage, and, having effected this heavy write off, your Directors did not consider it was necessary to provide for further depreciation from Reserve Account. It will be observed that 'Floating Staff Pension A/C' has been included in the Reserve Accounts utilized to provide the amount written off, but this in no way affects the security of the pensioners which, as in the past, is provided by mortgages on certain ships in the fleet. The note upon to carry.

"The ss. Corfu left Shanghai on Tuesday and is due here at 6.30 p.m. to-day.

Lau Hei, a 30-year-old earth-quake, was this morning fined \$50, in default three weeks' imprisonment, by Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy when he appeared on a charge of bringing a dog into Kowloon from the New Territories without a permit.

ANOTHER "HOUDINI" But No Arrests Made In Wanchai

A similar disturbance to that which occurred at Wanchai on Tuesday evening, when a Chinese was arrested while addressing a large crowd on his occult powers, was witnessed in the same district last night, when another modern "Houdini", dressed in the same kind of clothes, succeeded in attracting a large crowd to listen to his feats of magic.

Several police constables were among the lookers-on, but no arrests were made. The man subsequently moved away in the direction of the sea-front and the crowd dispersed.

To-day's Short Story.

The Governess

By Alec
Waugh

"WHY should she 'ave it?" the shortest and plumpiest of the three men grumbled. "She 'ad more than 'alf the fish we caught for lunch. She can't need it all that much."

"Don't see why she shouldn't," He had been staying at the Luk Kwok Hotel, where of meat we've had during the by some means he had managed four weeks that we've been to register in a Chinese name. He had some kind of Chinese seeing as it's likely to be the last document, which was more of a certificate than a passport, and this was not valid here. Moreover it had no visa.

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"I caught this. It's mine to do what I likes with. It goes to 'er. She's gotter 'ave the best of everything 'at's going."

"Aw, hell!"

"I'm not discussing it. We'd best get busy over the lighting of that there fire that's to cook the bird." The other two exchanged a glance, hesitated, then shrugged their shoulders.

"Oh, very well," they said, "if that's the way you feel, it's not worth starting a quarrel over."

The girl for whose benefit this scene had been enacted gave a little sigh of pleasure, as the two men walked away from the beach to collect wood for the rekindling of the fire. It was odd that Jack and Harry should have made that trouble. It was the first time anything like that had happened.

During the month that had passed since the Tiare in passing through the Paumotu Archipelago had been driven by a storm on to a submerged reef, she had received nothing but chivalrous consideration from the three rough sailors who had been marooned along with her on to the small uninhabited

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

There will be no editions of the China Mail to-morrow, Good Friday. Publication will be resumed on Saturday.

Victor Sledoff, a Russian, was this morning sentenced to nine months' imprisonment by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Central Police Court for returning to the Colony before his term of banishment had expired.

A Whist Drive will be held at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday, April 27 at 9 p.m., followed by a tombola. The entrance, including refreshments, is \$1. Ladies are specially invited.

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Four Of Accused Not Allowed Bail

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atoll, which looked likely to remain their home for many months. She had, in Bill's words, "been given the best of everything."

They had built a little hut for her, with bamboo sides and a roof of plaited palm boughs. Every night one or other of them had kept watch at her door. She had been given always the best of such food as the island resources provided for them.

For the most part it had been bread-fruit and wild bananas, soaked in the thick white milk from the inside rind of the green coconut. But whenever there had been any delicacy, land crabs, or fish, or shrimps, the men had never taken anything till she had had all she wanted. They had actually forced the food upon her.

SATURDAY'S STORY

Saturday's story will be "Sent To Try Us," by Strawson Fletcher.

"Come on, miss," they had said, "don't be shy. We wouldn't be appy eating unless we knew you'd had a good fill first." Laughingly she had yielded. She must have put on several pounds during the last month, a changes that in England would have horrified her; but that here she welcomed because, it so obviously pleased the sailors. The thinner they got themselves, the more they liked to see their proteges doing well.

"Can't stand a 'skinny girl' meself; can you, Bill?" Jack had said. The other two had nodded their heads approvingly.

"Likes to see a 'girl well covered," they had answered.

So Miss Willoughby had worried no more than her great-grandmother would have worried, as her arms grew fuller and whiter and more firm. She ate abundantly of the fattening bread-fruit, of the thick white sauces, the land-crabs, the shrimps, the succulent little fish of which her three suitors had been so tireless in their quest.

Never until this afternoon had there been the least sign of friction. It was odd that Jack and Harry should have made that fuss. But then they had been jealous, she supposed; jealous that it was to Bill that the gratitude for this exciting dish should go. Jealous because they had thought its capture would increase Bill's position in her eyes. The sillies! As though a girl would allow herself to be influenced by a thing like that.

Miss Willoughby knew well what was in their minds. She was the one woman on the island—one woman among three men. It was natural that they should vie each with the other to win her favour. Of course they had been jealous of Bill's success. How angrily Jack's eyes had glinted. For a moment she had thought there was going to be a fight. Her heart had beat very quickly at the prospect. How exciting it would have been—a real fight. Just as it might have happened on the films.

Not, of course, that it mattered much. Sooner or later she was certain it would come to blows.

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BUS TICKET SWINDLE

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY POLISH EXHIBITION

Programme Arranged
For Next Tuesday

BAND CONCERT AT H.K.C.C.

The programme has been announced for the St. George's Day celebrations, to be held next Tuesday.

At 11 a.m. the President, supported by Past Presidents and Members of the General Committee, will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph. The President hopes members of the Society generally will attend this ceremony.

At 5.15 p.m. by kind permission of the Officers Commanding the 1st Battalion The Lincolnshire Regiment, and the 2nd Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment, the massed bands and drums of both battalions will play "Retreat," followed by a musical programme of about one hour's duration.

The venue of the concert is to be on the ground of the Hong Kong Cricket Club.

The programmes of music to be played is as follows:

1.—Massed Bands And Drums. Quick March—"The Standard of St. George"....Alford.

Bugle March—"Marching through Georgia"....Miller.

2.—Massed Drums—Retreat. The Rikings—"Toreas"....Anon. Retreat—"Star of the Sea"....Anon.

Quick March—"Sempre"....God-den. Slow March—"Flowers of the Forest"....Johnson.

Quick March—"La Festive"....Turpin.

Retreat blown by Massed Buglers. Regimental Marches—"The Lincolnshire Poacher." "The Lancashire Lad".

3.—Massed Bands. PROGRAMME

1. Triumphant March—"Spirit of Pageantry"....Fletcher.

2. Selection—"Morris England"....German.

3. "Songs by Wilfred Sanderson."

4. Suite of "Three Dances from Nell Gwynne"....German.

5. "Reminiscences of England"....Myddleton.

Regimental Marches—"The Lincolnshire Poacher." "The Lancashire Lad".

God Save The King. Conductors—Bandmaster A. B. Yule 2nd Bn. The East Lancashire Regiment. Bandmaster R. Griffith A.R.C.M. 1st Bn. The Lincolnshire Regiment.

JOURNALIST'S APPEAL NOT
RECOGNISED

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A Reuter's message of November 5 last says:—

Replying to the National Liberal member for East Wolverhampton, Mr. Geoffrey Mander, the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, stated that after a consultation with Mr. Lennor Simpson, (Pufman Wells)

SHIP ARRIVES

Dardanus Berths At
Holt's Wharf

TRADERS EARLY ON BOARD
TO VIEW DISPLAY

The Blue Funnel liner Dardanus, carrying Poland's first floating trade exhibition, arrived in the Colony this morning, from Singapore, and berthed at Holt's Wharf. Nearly every major industry of Poland is represented in the exhibition.

Calls have already been made at Hamburg, Rotterdam, Port Said, Penang, Port Swettenham, and Singapore. On leaving Hong Kong the ship will visit Shanghai, where a permanent exhibition of Polish products will be organised under the guidance of the Chinese-Polish Chamber of Commerce. The ship will then proceed to Tientsin, Dairen, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.

Shortly after the ship had berthed traders were aboard and were carrying out a thorough inspection of the various products displayed. The exhibition contains samples of goods which should find a ready market in the Far East. Nearly 100 firms are represented, including those dealing in textiles of every description, timber, steel, explosives, knitted goods, chemicals, pottery, and glassware, toilet requisites and confectionery.

All Products Not Included.

"We do not wish to consider the floating exhibition an enterprise of great dimensions," Mr. Ludwick Schmorak, the director, told the "China Mail" this morning. "It is one of a series of efforts made by us to approach the market of purchasers. The exhibition, although representing about 100 export firms, is unable to represent every Polish product. There are too many for that."

"It's aim is to convince the buyer in the Far East that Poland is a serious producer. There is, no doubt, that every trader, especially in the Far East, is interested in all productions at his disposal. The direct contact with new products, with articles hitherto unknown, or only superficially known, must of itself awaken great interest and call the attention of the trader to Poland's power of production and trade methods."

Invited guests will be entertained to a Polish luncheon on board the s.s. Dardanus, on Saturday.

the British Consul-General at Harbin had been instructed to lodge a claim with the Manchurian authorities.

Mr. Lennor Simpson's newspaper was closed down in the early months of 1933 and he was ordered to leave Harbin, but, acting on British Government orders, remained there.

New York Stock Market

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Railway Company will defer payment of interest on its 4-3/4 per cent. Bonds due on May 1st. Favourable first-quarter earnings statements inspired buying of motor accessory issues.

"Grains:—The wheat and corn markets were firm early in the session. Later, there was some nature of profit-taking, awaiting general selling, evidently in the the re-opening of foreign markets. There were some scattered showers in the South-West, but not where moisture is needed.

"Cotton:—The market eased on further long selling, catching stops on the way down. We think that some further reaction is likely.

"Rubber:—This market was quiet, but steady. Trade was mixed, with dealers working on both sides. Commission houses were the principal buyers. The trend was influenced mostly by outside markets.

"Sugar:—The "spot" quotation was 3.25 cents, with buyers over that price. Offerings were small. Philippine sugars were quoted at 3.30 cents and other offerings at 3.35 cents. The tone of the market was firm.

"Flashes:—Average daily petroleum production for the week ended April 13 was estimated at 2,582,000 barrels, compared with 2,536,000 barrels.

Weekly electricity production totalled 1,725,000,000 k.w.h., an increase of 5.1 per cent from the corresponding period of last year.

Messrs. E. A. Pice and company's report on the opening of the markets.

The opening of Wall Street was even, with trading light. Oil issues were in steady demand on an outlook for stabilised prices for the product.

In cotton, there was moderate price fixing. Liverpool and the Continent bought, while a "spot" interest and the Far East sold. All exchanges will remain closed on Friday, April 19th. The New York commodity and the New York cotton exchanges will also remain closed on Saturday, April 20th. The London and Canadian markets will be closed on Friday, April 19th and Monday, April 22.

Latest Quotations

The following quotations have been received by Reuters.

	Prev. Close	Today's Close
N. Y. London cross-rate	4.85%	4.85%
N. Y. Cotton	11.00	11.52
N. Y. Rubber	11.00	11.85
Chicago Wheat	102%	100%
May	89%	89%
Montreal Silver	67.55	67.55
May	67.55	67.55
Silver-official	67%	67%

Apr. 15 Close Change	
30 Industrials	106.33 105.43 09 off
20 Rails	30.04 29.44 06 off
20 Utilities	17.93 17.61 22 off
40 Bonds	94.87 94.80 01 off
11 Commodity Index	60.15 59.59 56 off

10 Leading Stocks	
Amer Smelting	36%
Auburn	20
Case J. L.	51%
El Bo & Sh	8%
Gen Motors	29%
Int Tel & Tel	7%
Montgomery Ward	24%
Nat Distillers	27%
N. Y. Central	15%
U. S. Steel	31%
Business Done	—850,000 shares.

CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chairman On Trade With Canton

APPEAL FOR PREFERENCE REJECTED

The unsuccessful appeal to the Kwangtung Provincial Government for tax preference for Chinese manufactured goods from Hong Kong, and the Colony's Chinese trade developments of the past year were among the important subjects reviewed by Mr. Wong Kwong-in, the Chairman, who was supported by the Secretary, Mr. Chan Ping-ai, at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon.

The Chairman emphasised that in order to establish better commercial relationship between Hong Kong and Canton, Hong Kong pro-

POLICE OFFICER FAREWELLED

High Tributes Paid To Chief Inspector Clarke

"MOST HUMAN TASK-MASTER"

Chief-Inspector A. R. Clarke, the Principal of the Police Training School, was the guest of honour of members of the Police Club at a farewell dinner given on the eve of his retirement at the Clubhouse, Happy Valley, last night, when Mr. D. Burlingham, Acting Inspector-General of Police, on behalf of the members of the Club, presented the retiring officer with a draft.

The Chairman, Inspector Stewart Logan, thanked Chief Inspector and Mrs. Clark for all the work they had done for the good of the Club. He concluded his speech by wishing them and their son, Norman, every happiness in their future life in Invergowrie, Dundee, Scotland.

Mr. Burlingham then gave a short speech telling of the retiring officer's spotlessly clean sheet in the Police Force, saying that, he joined in 1910. From 1915 to 1919 he served in the war in the 1st Battalion of the Scottish Guards, after which he returned to the Force. "The most human task-master the men in the Force could possibly find," remarked Mr. Burlingham.

He then went on to tell how in the realm of sport Inspector Clarke had surpassed himself several times, especially in Lawn Bowls, and in the managing of the Police football team, which, under his management, had risen from one of the lower positions to the strong position they now hold, as well as being runners-up in the Senior Shield.

In replying, Inspector Clarke stated how sorry he was to leave the Force and thanked all the members for the aid they had given him in his 25 years which he had served. Messrs. C. G. Perdue, T. Murphy, D. L. King, J. J. Whyte, J. Galvin, and W. F. Shaftain followed with speeches of eulogistic nature.

After the dinner an impromptu concert was given and very well received.

Inspector Stewart Logan presided over a large gathering which included Mr. D. Burlingham, Acting Inspector-General of Police, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Mr. W. R. Scott, Mr. W. La Bart Sparrow, Mr. W. P. Thompson, Mr. T. Murphy, Mr. A. R. S. Major, Mr. J. H. B. Lee, Mr. D. L. King, D. S. P. (Reserve), Mr. B. C. Randall, Chief Inspector F. W. Shaftain, Chief Inspector J. Murphy, Chief Detective Inspector W. Shannon, Messrs. J. J. Whyte, W. H. Nolloth, D. Pitches, C. F. Alexander, M. Murphy, A. Nicoll, F. Hoare, A. W. Smith, W. R. Chester Woods, E. G. Post, C. Poynt, L. Whant, J. C. S. Fender, R. J. Hunt, J. R. McWalter, R. Shannon and many others.

Chief-Inspector Clarke sails on Saturday morning aboard the s.s. Corfu.

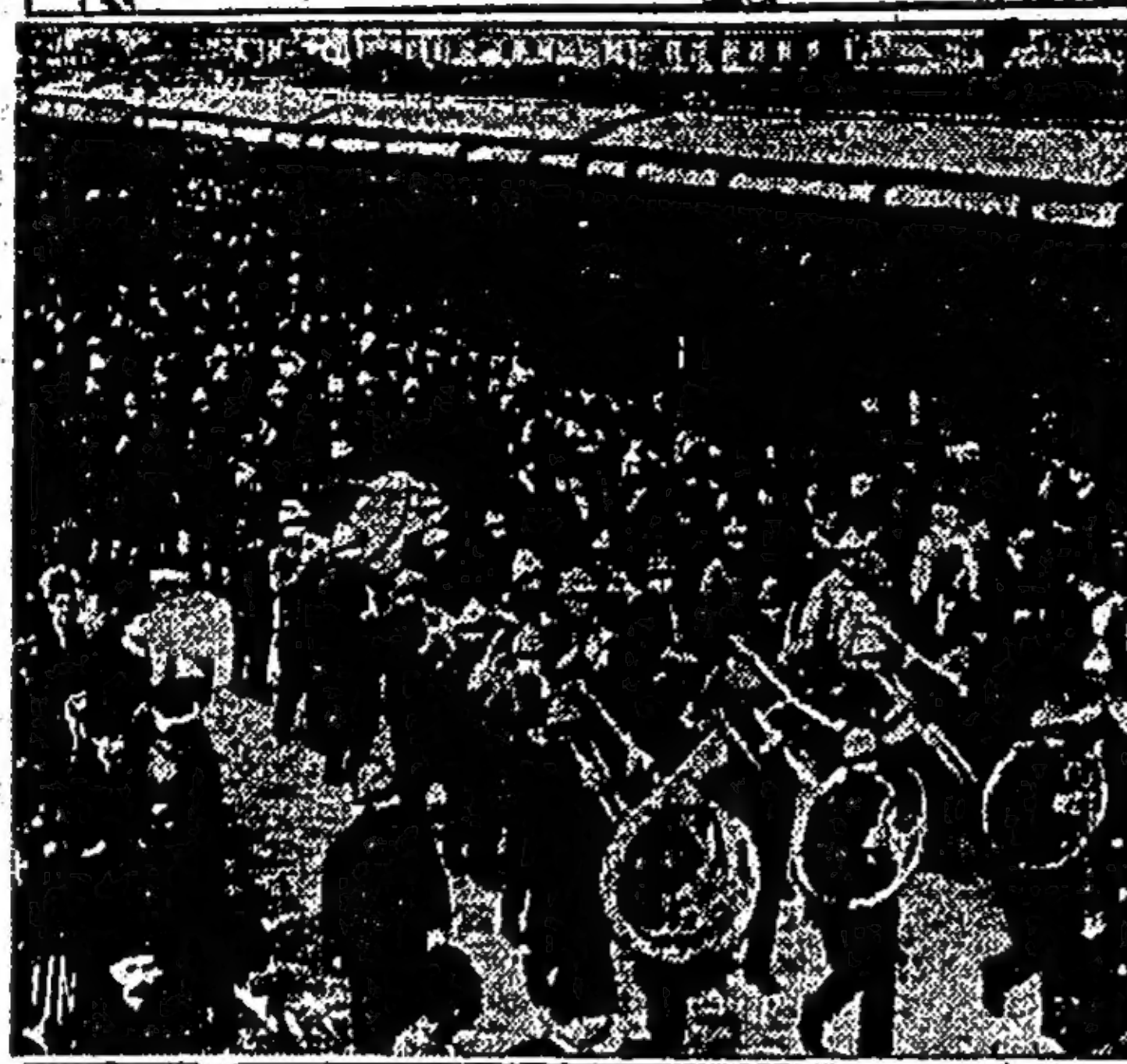
VICTIMS OF THEIR OWN IDEA

Novel Method Of Tracing Thieves

The villagers of Magi, in the Fukushima prefecture, were perplexed by the number of thefts in the district. Cinichi Oyama and his wife Momiko suggested that a vote of the villagers should be taken in the temple to decide on the identity of the thief. They received the largest number of votes and were declared to be the culprits.

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The elected supervisors were Messrs. To Jackman, An Tsak-sim, Chan Kam-po, Chiu Chen-yu, Chan Tat-sam, Fung Ki-cheuk, Ng Chok-chuen, Chau Sing-chi, Li Shau-nam, and Tang Chi-cheung.



Mobilisation of Turkish troops along the Greek frontier (1) to repel the expected influx of refugees from the Greek revolution, was the most recent danger to European peace to arise. Meanwhile, Italy continued to rush troops (2) to Africa, despite the establishment of a neutral zone along the controversial Ethiopian frontier; France also sent naval forces (3) to Greece to "protect interests"; (4) A new move to restore the Habsburgs to the Hungarian throne agitated Yugoslavia, Rumania and Czechoslovakia; (5) A Ukrainian revolt plot affecting Russia and Poland was denounced in the Polish Parliament.

MR. ELPHINSTONE'S DEATH

INQUEST OPENED

MEDICAL EVIDENCE GIVEN BY DR. GRIFFITH

An inquest into the death of the late Mr. J. A. M. Elphinstone, who died in the Kowloon Hospital on March 31, a victim of rabies, was opened by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, who sat as Coroner, at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday afternoon.

Among those present in Court were the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Lady Pollock and Mr. J. Russell, President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The jury, comprised Mr. E. I. Rozario (Foreman), Mr. Tom Shew-tong and Mr. Tsai Chak-lam. Inspector L. Whant, of the Water Police Station, was present on behalf of the Police.

Dr. C. V. A. Griffith, Government medical officer, testified that the deceased was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital on March 29. Witness saw him on March 30. The patient was somewhat incoherent, very excited and seemed to have difficulty in expressing himself. He had a certain amount of fever and later became both violent and irrational due, in witness opinion, to hydrophobia which he definitely diagnosed in the afternoon. The patient's condition became progressively worse and he died at about 8.30 a.m. on March 31.

Dr. Griffith deposed to the post mortem examination, when he removed the brain and sent it to the Government Bacteriologist, from whom he received a report confirming the clinical findings of hydrophobia. In witness's opinion death was due to hydrophobia. After further evidence was taken the inquest was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. to-day.

CHINESE SHIPPING ACCIDENTS

15 Vessels Pirated Last Year

A survey by the Ministry of Communications reveals that a total of 103 Chinese ships were involved in shipping accidents last year. Of this number, 25 were involved in collisions, eight struck submerged rocks, five sank to the bottom of rivers or seas, another five caught fire, and 15 were pirated.

NOTORIOUS BANDITS KILLED

Two Others Taken Prisoner

Canton, to-day. The troops of the Fourth Regiment of the Kwangtung Second Division, which is now stationed in Shun-feng, south Kiangsi, captured one and killed two notorious bandit leaders in the vicinity of Lin-ping-hung recently.

One called Kwok Yung ching, was the chairman of the so-called Shun-Hong-Kang Revolution Committee and the other two, named Liu Li-hsi and Lo Yu-pu, were heads of the bogus Finance Department and bogus Publicity Department of the Tai-shiu-wo District Revolution Committee respectively. They escaped to Lin-ping-hung on March 29. Upon receiving a report of their arrival, the troops made a search for them. Kwok and Liu were shot down while Li was taken prisoner.—Central Press.

CANTON HONOURS SUN YAT-SEN

Cinemas To Show His Picture

Canton, To-day. Under instructions from the Southwest Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, the Provincial Tangpu yesterday issued an order to various county and city Tangpu to the effect that all cinema theatres should be instructed to show the photo of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen on the screens, and to reproduce the Party or national song and at the same time to direct the audience to stand up at the end of each show.

The object of instruction them to do these is to make the people recognize the Party and stimulate their interest in patriotic movement.—Central Press.

DELGADO SHINES AT CENTRE-FORWARD

(Continued From Page 4)

Marques Shaky. E. Marques was not very safe in the Recreio goal, being shaky with the high balls, but A.V. Gosano and Bowen presented a rock-like barrier through which the Kowloon forwards very rarely passed.

Silva Netto was the pick of the intermediate line, and fed Aquino with excellent ground passes. Beltrao was inclined to dilly-dally with the ball and often wasted time in passing.

Delgado Passes Well

The Recreio forwards played a very good game in the opening half, Delgado making an ideal leader and sending out perfect passes to his right and left wingers, while Castilho and Gomes were very dangerous anywhere near the penalty area.

Alves was the pick of the two wingers and gave the Kowloon defence many anxious moments, while Aquino was aggravating at times by over-dribbling when a centre or pass forwards would have met the case.

The Recreio made short work of the Kowloon defence, but in the opening minutes missed two sitters through Delgado and Castilho.

Very Clever Goal

Delgado, however, made amends shortly afterwards with a goal from a job by Alves. The Recreio were enjoying most of the play, and from a free kick from 30 yards out, Delgado cleverly deflected the ball with his head past Bowen for the Recreio's second goal.

In the second half play greatly deteriorated, and in the only break-away Delgado scored with a first-time effort from a centre by Alves.

Mr. A. Lawrence refereed and the teams were:—Recreio:—E. Marques; A. V. Gosano and A. Bowen; R. Silva Netto, N. Beltrao and V. Marques; D. Aquino, E. Castilho, N. Delgado, J. Gomes and D. Alves.

Kowloon:—Bowen; Willis and Everett; Sinclair, Bliss and Boyd; Thomson, McKelvie, Cutler, Winch and D. Knox.

and crucifixion of the Lord. Then followed the hymn "The Royal Banner forward go" by the choir.

The Passion Play was presented in a manner which in both dramatic extracts from St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John describing the betrayal

PASSION PLAY AT CATHEDRAL

"Good Friday" Given Last Night

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The Passion Play, "Good Friday," by John Massfield, was presented last night in St. John's Cathedral, and will be repeated at each of the special Holy-week services which are being held there.

Passion music rendered by the organist preceded the service which was begun by the choir singing the anthem, "O Sacred Heart," sore wounded, (P. Gerhardt), to the melody of H. L. Hassler. The choir gave a delightfully soft and clear rendition of two verses of this beautiful piece.

The Rev. W. E. Haines then read in a manner which in both dramatic extracts from St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John describing the betrayal

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EAST LANCES BEAT ENGINEERS IN RETURN CLASH

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Speedy Wingers

Sandford and Murphy were two speedy and thrustful forwards, continually harassing the Engineers' defence with their bustling and direct methods.

The Sappers' defence was very sound during the first half, when playing against the wind, but later in the game, Sellek made two blunders which resulted in goals. Dudley kicked well throughout, and covered his partner by prompt positioning.

Howlett On Form

Howlett, who dropped back into the position left vacant by Hurst, played his usual sterling game, being equally at home in the defence as up with the attack. He was given fine support by the hard-working Denham, who played a strenuous game against a fast right-winger in Thorpe.

Darby led the forwards well, trying desperately hard to break through but with only three forwards in support, he could make but little impression on the strong opposing defence. Callard worked hard on the right, and made the most of the chances that came his way, but the whole line was demoralised by the absence of Howlett.

During the opening exchanges Dudley and Slack experienced a grueling time in endeavouring to repulse the steady thrust of the East Lances.

Sandford Opens Scoring

Three minutes before the interval, Sandford broke through the

GOVERNOR'S SON IN COLONY

On Farewell Visit To His Parents

Mr. J. Peel, son of His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, arrived in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. Naldora, on a three-day visit to bid his parents farewell.

They will return to England shortly and this is the last opportunity which father and son will have of meeting for some time.

Mr. J. Peel is stationed in Malaya, and Sir William and Lady Peel will return to Europe via America. Mr. Peel will leave Hong Kong on Saturday to return to his duties.

centre, and opened the scoring with a good shot.

Although playing against a strong wind in the second-half, the East Lances still managed to enjoy most of the play, and, following a series of attacks, Thorpe sent over a high centre which Sellek completely misjudged, and Murphy headed into the empty goal.

East Lances On Top

Five minutes later Sellek, in running out to clear a centre, fumbled and dropped the ball, and Sandford cut in and drove the ball in for the East Lances' third goal.

The fourth and last goal, came from a free kick taken by Eckersley, which was cleverly headed in by Thorpe.

E. Lances:—Williams; Harwood and Steele; Cox, Eckersley, Thorpe, Murphy, Sandford, Walkden and Mather.

Engineers:—Sellek; Slack and Dudley; Bowling, Howlett and Denham; Callard, Dudden, Darby and Creagh.

The Governess

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For the moment they might be content to woo her with smiles and soft words and gifts; but what man, what real man, when the time for choosing came, would stand by and leave a woman to decide? They fought for their woman and they took her, as years earlier the Romans had. In just that way sooner or later these three men would fight for her, and she would go, as the Sabine women had, to the strongest. Her heart fluttered with a terror-struck and delighted anticipation that outdistanced and outpaced the liveliest effort of her imagination.

It was the first real thrill she had ever had. Life for Miss Willoughby had been a very staid and prosaic and unadventurous business. She was distinguished neither by birth nor brains nor beauty. She was a very ordinary, rather dowdy little person, the daughter of very ordinary, very unexceptional people, living in a very ordinary Midland town. In the course of her thirty-one years no one had ever taken any particular notice of her.

She had danced and played tennis and gone to tea-parties, and people had said she was quite nice and had left it there. Her sole personal excitement was supplied by a bi-weekly visit to the local cinema, where she had loved fleetingly but intensely, Rudolph Valentino, Ramon Novarro, Ivor Novello and Monte Blue.

She had taken in three cinema papers every week. She knew what Gloria Swanson ate for breakfast, what was Pola Negri's favourite novel, and what piece of music Greta Garbo considered to be the most spiritual. The heroes and heroines of Hollywood were far more real to her than the actual people with whom she discussed parlorial matters across tennis lawns.

Drama had indeed entered her life for the first time with a rich neighbour's suggestion that she should act as governess to her children on a world tour, on the world tour that had ended in Miss Willoughby's sudden transportation from the setting of ordinary life into the setting of film romance. A shipwreck, the South Seas, a lonely island, three sailors and a girl: Could Samuel Goldwyn have devised more picturesquely?

With a proud contentment she watched the three men prepare a fire, tear the limbs of the bird apart, arrange the carcasses in the reddened ashes. They were so strong, so virile, so utterly of the soil, and yet so humble, so chivalrous. It was extraordinary that such rough men should be capable of such civility. Love the transfiguration she thought.

While the bird was cooking the three men grouped themselves about the fire.

"This'll be a fine dish," said Jack. "You'll enjoy this—you'll enjoy it fine."

"Wish we could get you something better," said Bill; "nothing I wouldn't do to get you something better, something that you'd really like."

"If we could get you tastier dishes I guess you'd have a much better appetite," said Harry. "You'd really enjoy your food then; you'd eat much more of it."

"Oh, but I eat quite enough as it is," laughed Miss Willoughby. "Look how terribly fat I'm getting."

"Not terribly, miss, not terribly," corrected Harry, and it was solemnly that he shook his head. "You can't think how much better you look now than you did a month ago."

"You wait and see how much better she'll be looking in another month," interjected Bill. "Er friends on the ship'd hardly recognise her. Er'll be a different person in a month's time."

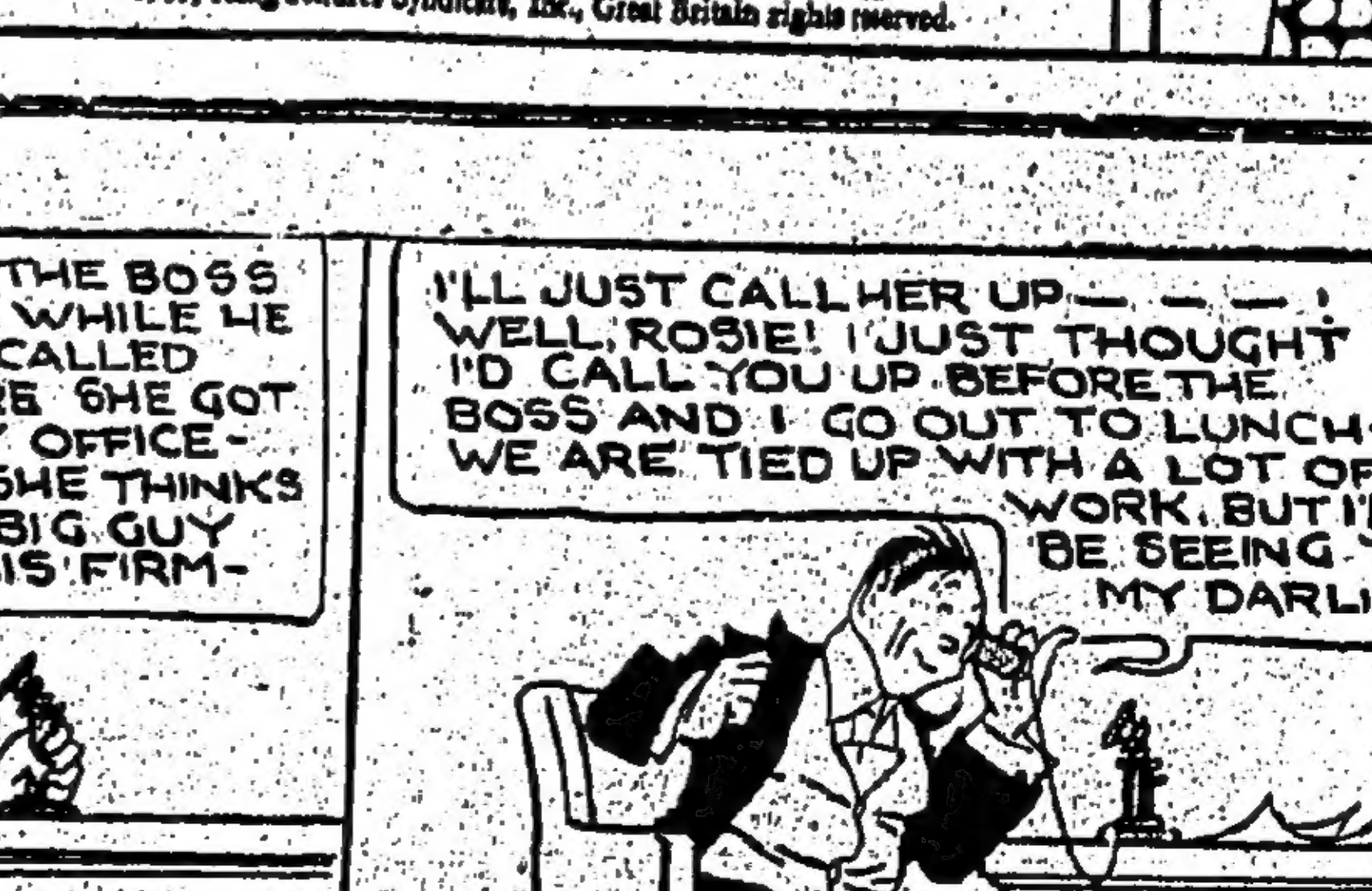
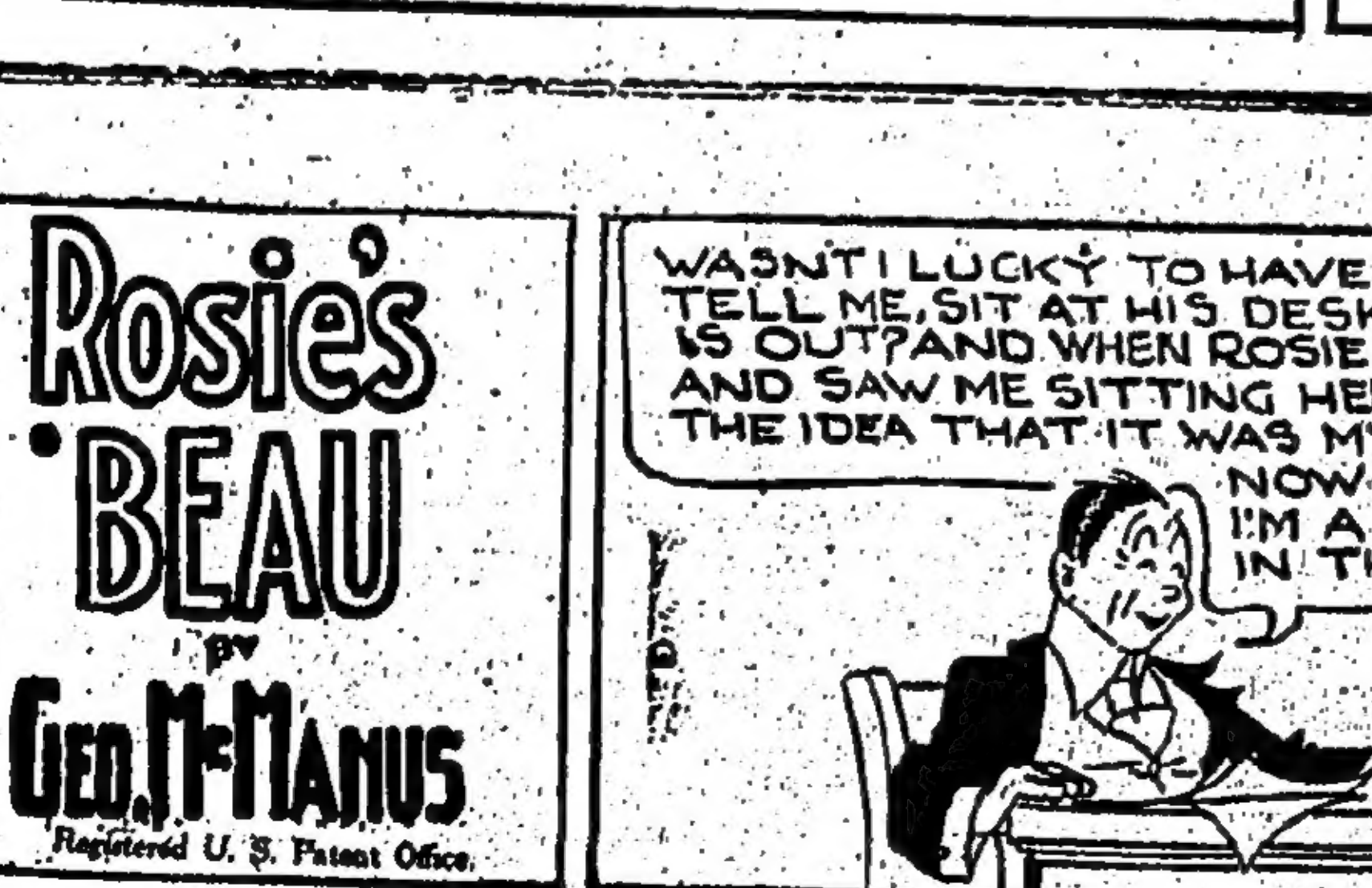
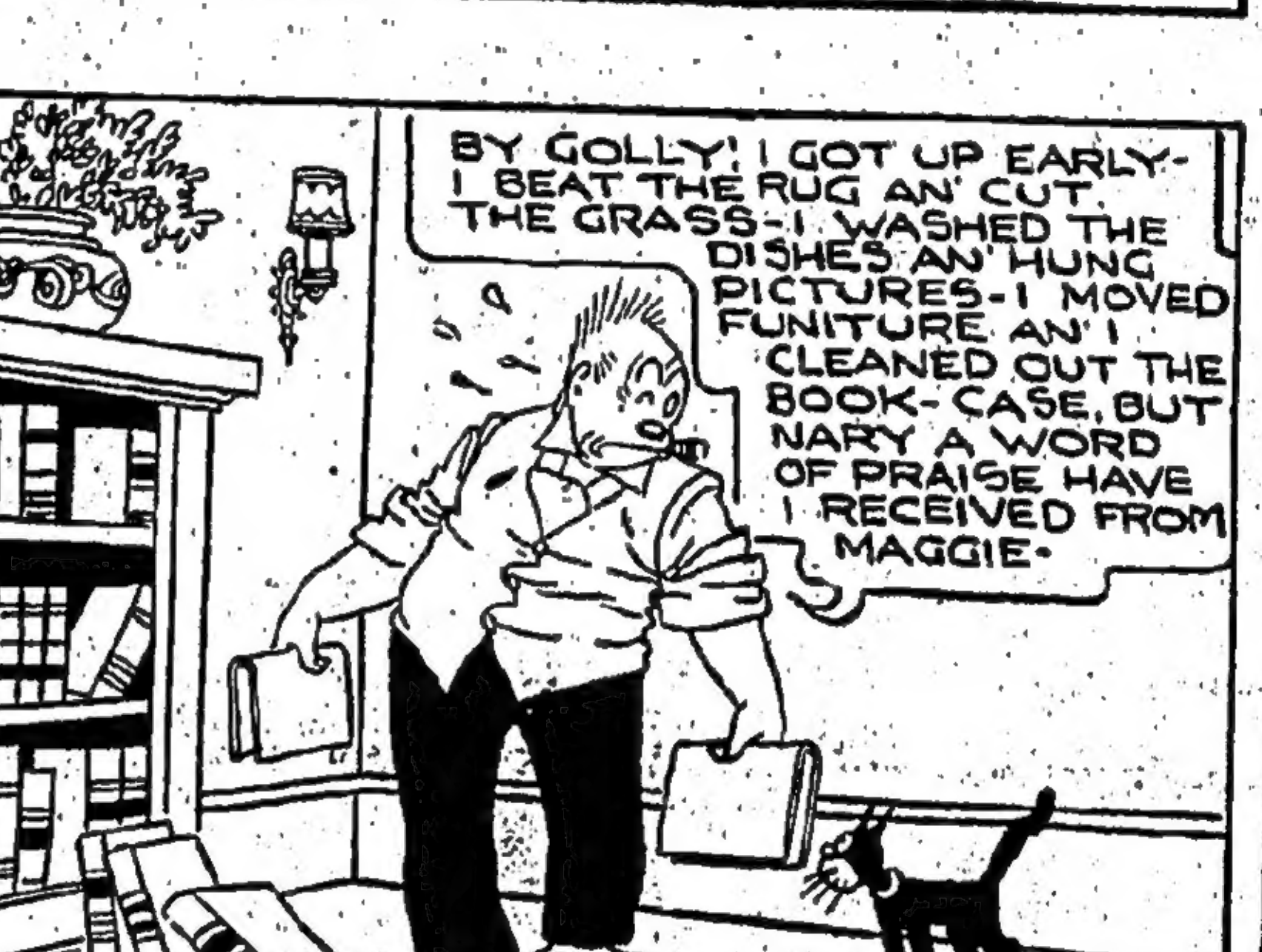
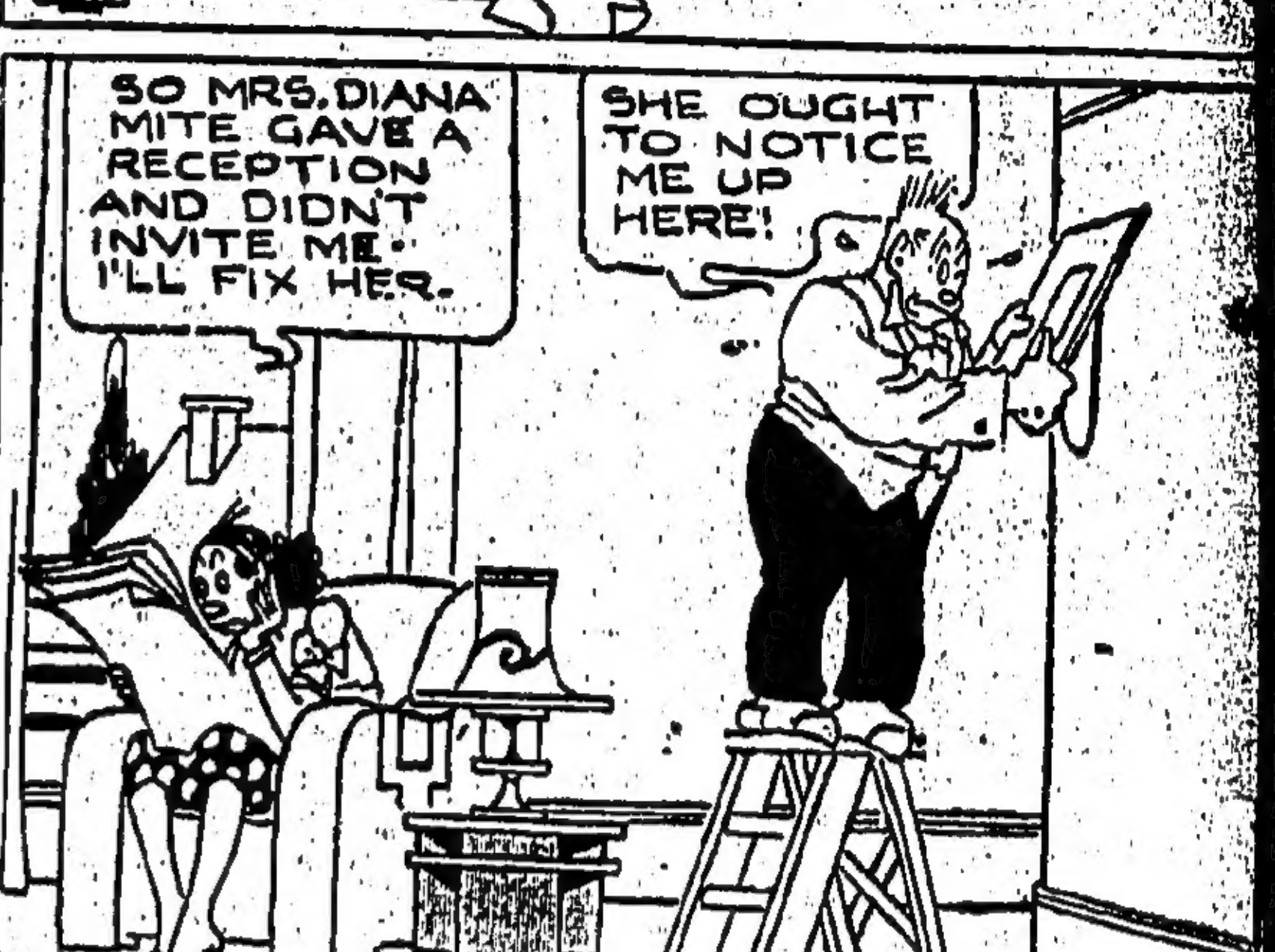
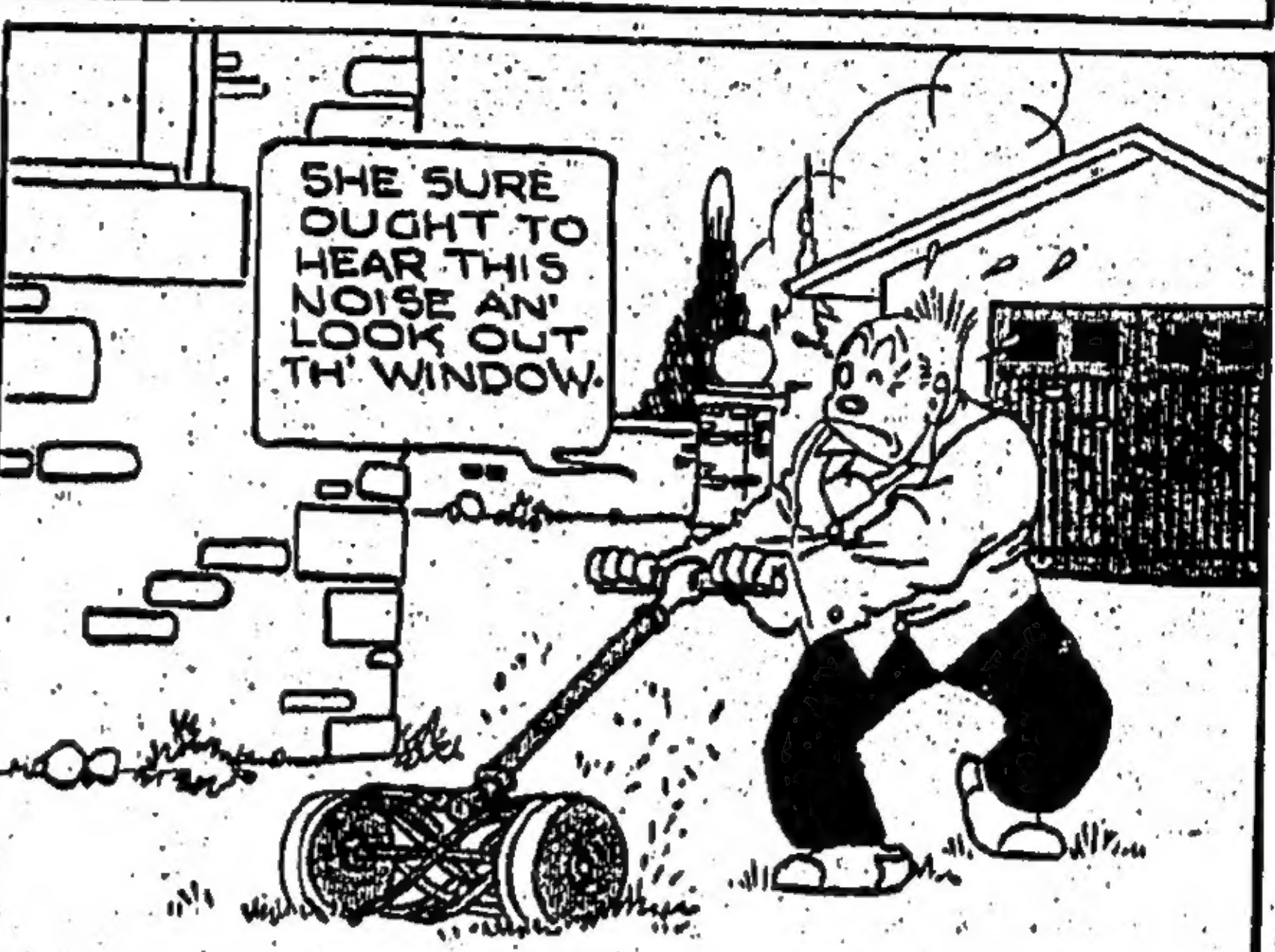
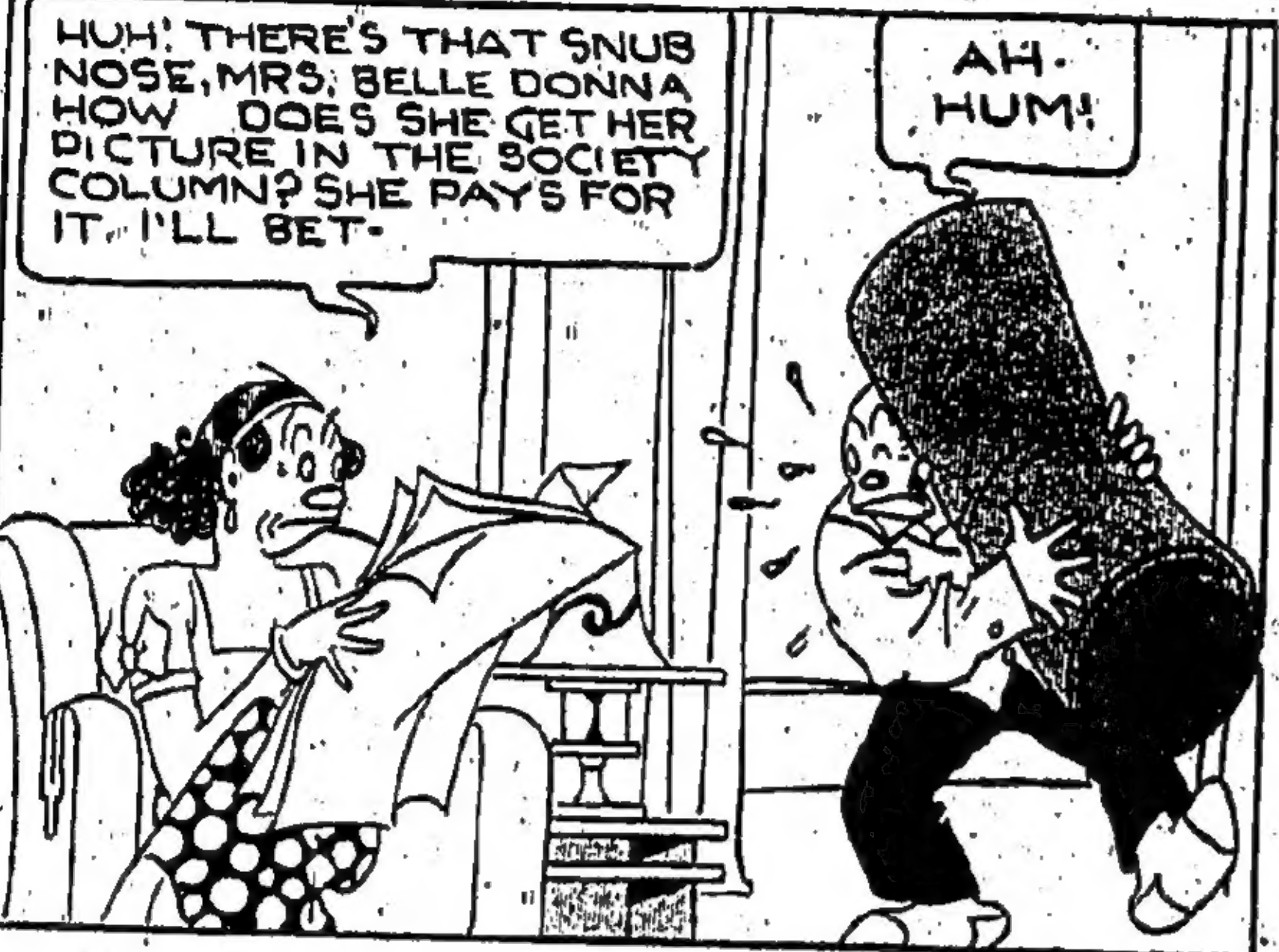
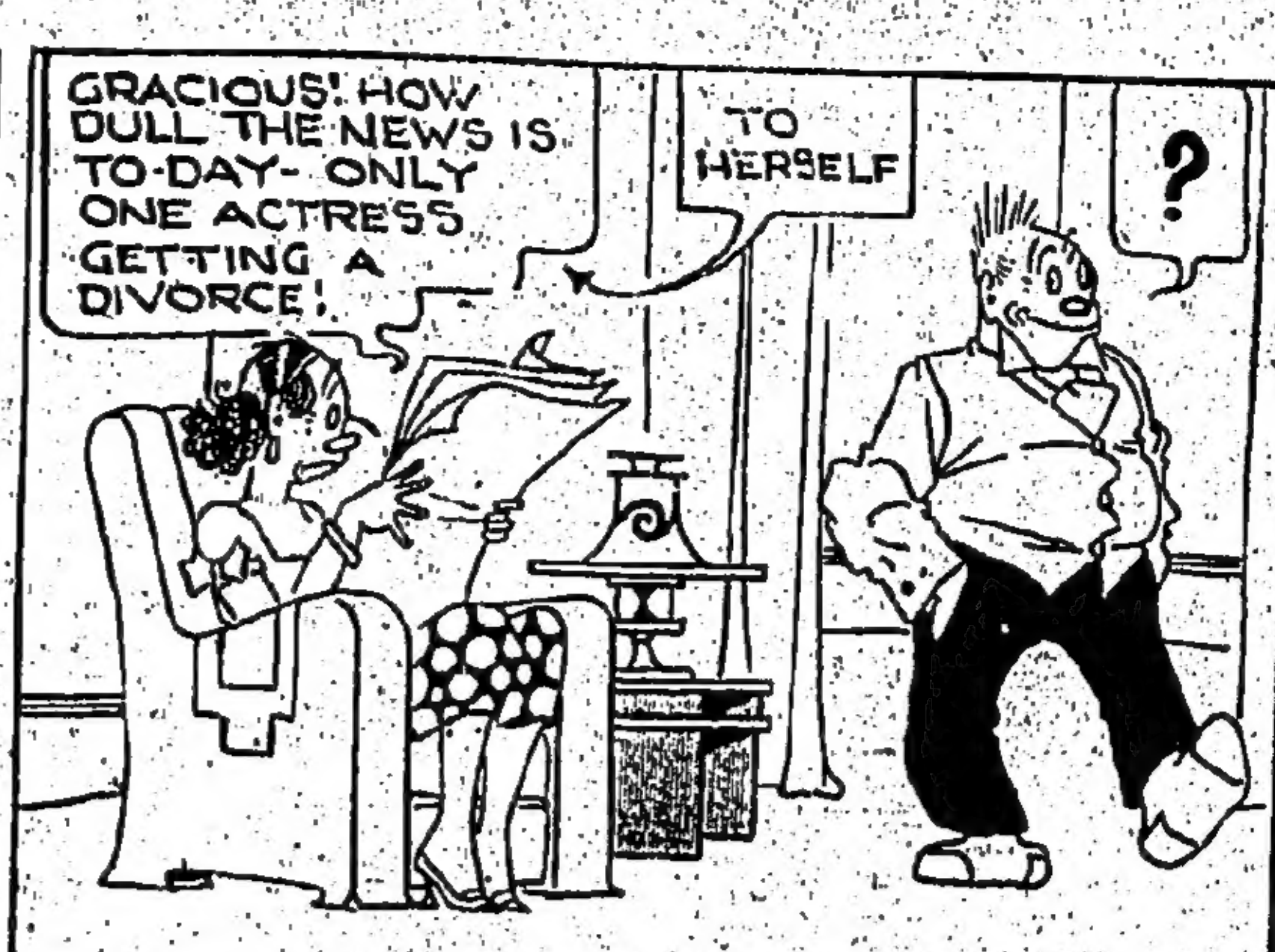
"Or even in three weeks," hazarded Jack. "She oughter be looking her best in three weeks' time."

Miss Willoughby laughed gaily. How happy she was, how exciting life was, how terribly thrilling it was to be surrounded by this service, this adulation; to meet at every moment of the day this humble but fiery look of worship, this look that grew tender and deeper and keener every day. She had never dreamt that men could look at her like that.

She knew now what novelists meant when they talked of the hunger of longing in man's eyes.

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TALKIE TALKS

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"Jew Suss"

With expensive settings and good acting, especially from Conrad Veidt, this Gaumont-British release with direction by Lothar Mendes, is entertaining, although slow in starting. It is advertised to be the most ambitious and the most expensive film yet turned out by any British studio and it is admittedly a fine piece of studio workmanship, richly costumed and conveying an air of magnificence.

Conrad Veidt (last seen here in "The Wanderer Jew") is well over six feet high which is hardly in character with the smirking, crawling subservient Jew who cunningly ingratiates himself with the libertine "Duke Alexander" (Frank Vosper). Veidt gives the finest acting in the film, using every art known to the actor, and his fascinating personality impresses as always.

Frank Vosper may be remembered by old-timers locally when he was the juvenile lead in the Waring-Charles Quartermaine Company at the old City Hall. Vosper has done big things since those days, and is acknowledged to be one of the finest actors on the English stage, besides finding fame as a playwright and adaptor. Now he seems likely to find equal success on the screen; but to my mind, brings too much of the old "heavy villain" technique to bear in his role.

There is a touch of pathos to many of us who recall with joy the memorable stage performances given by the late Sir Gerald du Maurier. This was his last film; he died shortly after its release.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke has little chance to shine as the "Rabbi" and of the women Benita Hume and Joan Maude are the outstanding ones.

Pamela Ostrer (Naomi) is the daughter of the Financier-President of G.B. and this 17-year-old girl shows promise. The highlights of the film seem to be her death, the fatal collapse of the "Duke" and the hanging of the Jew with all its pomp and ceremony.

The camera work of the young Britisher Bernard Knowles is deserving of mention, and I would candidly say that, although the story is slow and ponderous in the telling, the acting is above reproach and the lavishness of the production is what one will most remember. Worth seeing (Central).

"La Cucaracha" And "The Richest Girl In The World"

The colour revolution in the modern cinema is ever and colour films have come to stay. "La Cucaracha" was the film that paved the way; then the rich young Payne Whitney, who is putting money into colour films (through R.K.O.) financed the very latest release "Becky Sharp" and Miriam Hopkins, Frances Dee, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Alan Mowbray and Nigel Bruce have all passed the ordeal with the greatest success, which augurs well for the future.

As a matter of fact, as in the revolution of the talkies, quite a few of the most famous film artists are trembling, because they will know they won't make the grade when this very marvellous new process comes to stay. Cinematic experts say that within five years black and white films will be a thing of the past.

the Motion Picture Academy give excellent accounts of themselves, and the gorgeous song-and-dance sensation, that has sold like wildfire on records all over the world, is alone worth one's money.

This is the principal attraction for Easter at the King's, showing with Miriam Hopkins and Joel McCrea in "Richest Girl in the World". This is a bright and engaging investigation of the life and love problems of a "poor little rich girl", deftly told, charmingly acted and liberally endowed with entertaining situations.

The opening is specially neat, and William Selter the Director, deftly handles comedy and drama. Miriam Hopkins is a pure delight and it is her picture all the way, although the support is excellent.

Fay Wray, Henry Stephenson, Joel McCrea, Reginald Denny, Beryl Mercer, George Meeker and Edgar Norton all help to make the story seem plausible, and assuredly highly entertaining. Not to be missed. (King's).

"The Double Door"

Here is a horror tale par excellence and you have to go yourself to find out the secret of the dark old-fashioned house of the wealthy and eccentric "Van Bretts".

The dominant spirit of the house is a "Victoria (Mary Morris) a woman warped by bitter pride, twisted by fierce jealousy of youth and over-weening ambition. Between this spinster and her younger sister (Anne Revere), who shares in the secret of the house, and the pretty nurse (Evelyn Venable) there is a battle almost to the death, with the cruelly coming from the older woman and only gallantry from the nurse.

Kent Taylor is the ardent young lover and everyone in the cast, especially Miss Mary Morris, gives a faultless portrayal. If you like horror tales I advise this. (Queen's).

Majestic.

An American vaudeville act have always proved so popular with the Majestic audiences that the Management have arranged that the popular "Silver Streak" Trio, who recently appeared with so much success at the Queen's, will be an added attraction with the Paramount release "Cradle Song" starring the lovely German actress Dorothea Wieck.

This is an appropriate picture for Easter and the star gives a poignantly lovely study of the Nun, while Evelyn Venable, Kent Taylor, Louise Dresser and Sir Guy Standing help in the excellence of the picture. Followed by the two highly popular comedians Laurel and Hardy in "Babes in Toyland". This will surely pack the theatre, and needs no boosting. (Majestic).

Oriental

Although I consider "Chained" the weakest of the recent co-starring vehicles of two of the most popular people on the screen today—Joan Crawford and Clark Gable—I advise seeing it at least twice. It is a sumptuous production from M.G.M. and Otto Kruger and Stuart Erwin do their best to make the best of an old-fashioned plot, adding the stars, who of course are worth seeing in everything they play.

Followed by "The Gay Divorcee" with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Grand show with but one fault, (and the director is to blame) the "Continental" is overdone.

One of the finest of the plays that extend through the ages is "The World Changes" with Paul Muni and Mary Astor. The leading lights in a magnificent cast—A heated upon them (Star).

SHORT SHOTS

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"Over the Hills" an Irish drama, will be Constant Collier's next picture with M.G.M. That very popular little girl Maureen O'Sullivan, at present on work with Arliss in "Richelleu," then going to Garbo's "Anna Karenina" will be the other leading feminine role in the Collier picture.

Anna Nergle is at work in a film on the life of the actress Peg Woffington, with Sir Cedric Hardwicke as Sir David Garrick. In the picture Sir Cedric will act scenes from "Hamlet" and "The Merchant of Venice."

Paul Rathbone is rightly coming into his own again in films. After his big success in "David Copperfield," and on the stage as "Romeo," with Katherine Cornell as "Juliet," he has been chosen as leading man with Garbo in "Anna Karenina."

Una Merkel recently celebrated her third wedding anniversary.

If a census of the British artists who have recently gone over to Hollywood were taken, it would be quite a shock to the Americans struggling to gain a footing in the highest paying profession in the world, in what happens to be their own country.

Margot Grahame is now with her husband Francis Lister, who is at work with Arliss in "Richelleu," and Eve Gray with husband Lester Matthews, who is at Universal. Valeria Hobson at the same studio, Wendy Barrie at Paramount, Molly Lamont at R.K.O. and to cap it all the Lancashire comedienne, Gracie Fields—knowing that her pictures will only have world fame if made in Hollywood, is contemplating a trip—just to see how matters stand, and incidentally hoping for a contract. Nigel Bruce is back there, Beatrice Lillie is at the Paramount in New York working for the Hecht-MacArthur Production, and dozens more with contracts for the many different studios.

Merle Oberon is not being praised for her work in her first Hollywood picture, "Folies Bergere," but the make-up artist has concentrated on making this Oriental girl so slinky-eyed that she looks even more Oriental than she did in "The Battle" where she portrayed the part of a Japanese girl. She is going on from one film to another, including "The Flame Within" with Anne Harding and Franchot Tone at M.G.M.

Sam Goldwyn is on a visit to London. The newly-weds Margaret Sullivan and director William Wyler only stopped over a few hours, but hurried to the Continent.

Will Hays, the No. 1 Censor, insisted that a prologue and epilogue be inserted in the British picture "Well Gwynn" showing that the "Absence of Virtue" does not pay, and Nell is shown ending her life in misery. Everyone satisfied? Fox have failed to renew Helen Twelvetrees' contract, as she will free-lance.

The "Walk-Out" season is on in Hollywood. Stan Laurel, who is said to be the brain behind the famous combination, and who is responsible for most of the material, has been dissatisfied with the stories lately and, although he once stated that he was aware that "United we stand, divided we fall," has had a few words with Hal Roach, their producer, and is off the pay-roll for the present. Chevalier, too, has refused the leading role in "The Chocolate Soldier" as he wants to play parts, which will exploit his personality and is tired of the gold-brained comedy lover. No doubt M.G.M. will win him round when he realizes that it is what Mr. and Mrs. Public want that matters.

programme that will be difficult to beat and all advised. (Oriental).

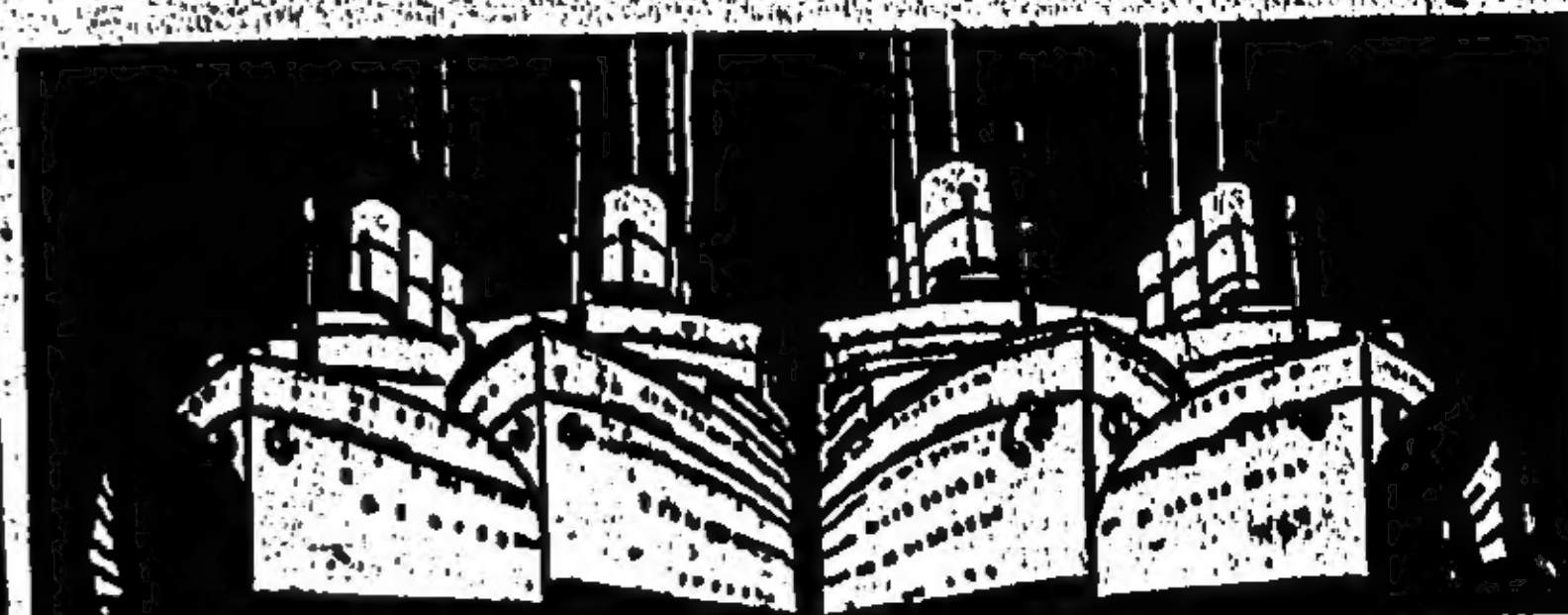
"One Night of Love," was a close "Runner-up" to the film from the same studio (Columbia), "It Happened One Night," which recently won the highest award from the Motion Picture Academy. Many are of opinion—and I am one of them—that the finest musical since the advent of the talkies should have been awarded first honours, and when you see and hear Grace Moore and the highly fascinating Tullio Carminati you will agree with me. Again and again have I been entranced—there is no other word—with this delightfully acted musical.

Everyone in the cast is superb. Mona Barrie, Luis Alberni, Jessel Ralph and Lyle Talbot, but—sitting above everything are the two leading players and the rendition of "Madame Butterfly." See this film whatever happens or you will long regret it.

Followed by Carole Lombard and John Barrymore in "Twentieth Century." Starts well, but falls down considerably towards the end and one tires of the temperamental Producer and his leading lady.

Both Barrymore and Lombard give surprisingly good accounts of themselves, but the falling-off is due to the fault of the exaggerations lights in a magnificent cast—A heated upon them (Star).

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A STRONGER NAVY FOR BRITAIN

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Powers are building ships of 35,000 tons, mounting 16in or 16in guns—as France and Italy are doing—we cannot afford to build less powerful ships, which would only be overwhelmed by them.

The lessons of the Great War are, or should be, fresh in memory. Battlecruisers which were designed to overhaul and destroy armoured cruisers, and did so very effectively off the Falkland Islands, later had to fight the better protected German battle cruisers, with the result that three were blown up with the loss of 3,500 lives, and a fourth narrowly escaped a similar fate.

Clause 4 also deals with the naval treaties in existence. We had already scrapped 15 Dreadnought battleships and battle cruisers and several armoured cruisers before we went to the Washington Conference in the autumn of 1921.

Treaty Of London

Thanks to the achievement of statesmen and naval officers, who were prepared to make every possible sacrifice consistent with security, a treaty was signed which resulted in a long holiday in the construction of battleships, but left each country free to build such cruisers and destroyers as were considered necessary for the security of its maritime interests. The fact that ours were vastly greater than those of any other nation was fully recognised.

The next conference—that held in London in the winter of 1919-20—resulted in the Treaty of London. It is difficult to write temperately about that ill-considered measure, which swept away all the safeguards we had stood out for at Washington and which had been accepted by other countries.

This Treaty not only limited our right to build vessels, and types of vessels, necessary for the protection of our trade routes, but it denied to us the right to replace a considerable proportion of our old, worn-out and obsolete ships, thus condemning our men to go to sea in ships quite unfit to meet those which other nations have been building.

We were forced to scrap the Tiger, one of the four ships in the world capable of dealing with the German "pocket battleships," and four powerful battleships of the Iron Duke class. Those five ships would have been good for many more years of efficient service, and were incomparably more valuable for the protection of large convoys than are the small lightly gunned cruisers we are now building.

French Submarines

Moreover France and Italy, who attended the Conference, declined to jeopardise their security and withdrew, with the result that they are free to build whatever they like. France has been building a great many submarines and flotilla leaders, the latter of a type vastly superior in displacement, gun power and speed to those which we are forced to build under the terms of the Treaty—a striking example of the folly of unilateral disarmament under naval treaties which are not binding on all nations.

PICTURES BY BEAM

From Canada And U.S.A.

The chairman of Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia), Ltd. (Mr. E. T. Fleck) recently arranged for the carrying out of tests between the Australian Beam stations and those of the Canadian Wireless Coy. at Montreal, with a view to determining the possibilities of a wireless picture service between Australia and the North American continent.

Although the test have not advanced to a stage where a service can be opened for public use, the success that has attended the transmission of test pictures points to results being obtained comparable with the service with London.

Nature Photography

The International Exhibition of Nature Photography will be held in October, and November in the Whale Hall of the British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London.

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FREAK FACTS... ABOUT FILM FAVORITES



"Sweet Adeline" is due at the Alhambra Theatre shortly.

THE GOVERNESS

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That night as she rolled herself up to sleep on her couch of plaited palm leaves she pictured with thrilled and timorous anticipation the hour that must come soon, when the natural man would break through this veneer of civility, when there would be staged before her on this narrow strip of sand the eternal primitive conflict of man for woman. The Romans—heroic days—the Sabine women. Her dreams that night were shudderingly, terrifyingly sweet.

Next morning she was aroused by sounds of excited yelling. "Look! Look!" Harry was shouting. "Look over there, a ship." Her eyes followed the pointing finger. He was right. The miracle had happened. There was a ship, and at that, not just an island trading schooner, but a large—large—making its way across the Pacific between New Zealand and Panama. "A ship," Harry was shouting. "A ship—and we are saved. Glory mine! We are saved." And a fire was being lit, and Jack, by the aid of Harry's shoulders, was swarming up a palm tree to wave a shirt from its topmost branches.

Uncomprehendingly Miss Willoughby looked about her. "Will they see us?" she asked. But Bill was too busy to bother about a reply. He was shouting instructions to Jack and Harry, arranging a fire, suggesting schemes, his one thought the catching of the ship's attention.

Gone was that atmosphere of chivalry and consideration with which Miss Willoughby had been surrounded for a month. She might just as well have not been there. Not one of the them took the least notice of her, not one of them asked how she had slept, what she wanted for breakfast, whether there was not something they could do to increase her comfort. Gone, all of it.

The change was so complete that she could scarcely realise what was happening. In a daze she watched these preparations, listened to these shoutings, heard the fierce yell of triumph when the checking of the big ship's pace announced that their presence on the island had been noticed.

Everything that happened to her that morning came to her through a mist. The arrival of the boat in the lagoon, the welcome and the explanation, then the rowing back to the ship, the reception by the other passengers, the questions, the surprise, the admiration, all the business of finding clothes, of sending wireless messages to her people; it went so fast, it was so strange she might have been gathered together and shown to the general public the advancement and improvement that has been made during recent years in photographing birds and mammals.

Those interested should communicate with the Editor, Country Life, at 20, Tavistock Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2, who will be glad to furnish further particulars.

have been living in a dream; it might have been some person other than herself who was making all these arrangements, answering all these questions, listening to all these ejaculations of surprise.

"What? Four weeks on that island by yourself with those three rough men. My poor child," an old lady sympathised, "what a terrible experience!"

A terrible experience. But had it been? She was too dazed to know, too dazed to realise what was happening to her, to recognise what lay ahead of her on her return to the small Midland town, the tennis, the tea parties, the bridge, the calls, the parochial scandal. She looked despairingly at the low-lying, receding dunes; at the crescent of sand and palm trees that she would never see again.

In the third-class dining saloon Jack and Bill and Harry were completing their first satisfactory meal for a month. For twenty minutes they had eaten without speaking, so absorbed were they in the serious business of meat and bread; but now, after the consumption of a vast breakfast, they had leisure and inclination to compare notes.

"What feeds me up," said Jack, "is the thought of all that good stuff we wasted on that there girl. When you think of the bird she 'ad and the land-crabs and all those fishes, and all for nothing."

"And when you think of her getting fatter every day," said Harry, "and us going hungry, and us thinking all the time. 'Well, never mind, it will be worth it in the end.' When all the time we might 'ave been eating those fish ourselves. I tell you how I feel—I feel just like I did when a pig that I had been fattening for six months ran out into the road and put its silly self under a traction engine. I just stood and looked at what was left and thought of all the good stuff I had given that there pig, and that I would have liked to 'ave eaten myself—well, that's pretty well 'ow I am feeling now."

Bill, however, was more of a philosopher than his two companions. "After all," he said, "she might not 'ave tasted good."

THE END

JAPAN'S MONOPOLY OF SALT

Restricted Sales In Mongolia

By establishing various bureaux and issuing regulations restricting the sale of salt in Mongolia, the Japanese, says the "Sinwenpo," have practically established a monopoly there of the salt industry.

Salt bureaux have been established in Dolonor, Changteh and Chilly, for the purpose of purchasing fire while playing at "film stars" salt produced in Mongolia and men—chairs transporting the commodity flames with her hands.

A standard price is fixed, and a dress, said Doris. "She had been new set for a levy on all Mongolian salt, while firms retailing the mantlepiece. I was afraid the sales of salt have to obtain special permission and registration."

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TRAGEDY OF CHILD'S "FILM STAR" GAME

Dress Catches Fire

LITTLE GIRL SEES SISTER BURNED

Doris Beynon, the 11-year-old daughter of an actor, described at a Camberwell, S.E., inquest how her sister Mavis, aged eight, was fatally burned when her dress caught fire while playing at "film stars" and how she tried to put out the flames with her hands.

"Mavis was wearing a ballet dress," said Doris. "She had been new set for a levy on all Mongolian salt, while firms retailing the mantlepiece. I was afraid the sales of salt have to obtain special permission and registration."

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"CHINA'S SORROW"

Authorities in Hopei, Shantung and Honan have formed a joint committee to deal with the problem of strengthening the Yellow River dykes now threatening to burst and allow a large area in Hopei to be flooded. The Hopei provincial authorities have appropriated \$7,000 to go towards the costs of strengthening the dykes.

"After I had tried to put out the flames with my hands I wrapped a blanket round Mavis and sent for help."

The tragedy occurred, it was stated, while the two sisters and two other children were playing alone in a flat.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, and added, "Doris deserved very great credit for her plucky and courageous conduct."

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SENATORS BEAT ATHLETIC

President Roosevelt Opens Season

GEHRIG'S HOMER FAILS TO GIVE YANKEES WIN

New York, To-day.

The President of the United States, Mr. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, opened the Washington Senators baseball season yesterday when he pitched their first ball against the Philadelphia Athletics, who were beaten by two runs.

The Chicago White Sox secured a narrow victory over the Tigers, while Boston Red Sox nosed out the Yankees, Lou Gehrig, one of last year's most successful batters hitting his first circuit clout of the season.

The game between the Cleveland Indians and the St. Louis Browns was postponed on account of rain. Only one out of four games was played in the National League, Cincinnati easily beating Pittsburgh Pirates by 3 runs, Erickson hitting a homer.

The games postponed owing to intense cold were: New York against Boston Brooklyn and Philadelphia; and the St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Cubs.

Reuter.

The results were:—

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	2	10	0
Washington	4	8	0
Chicago	7	10	3
Detroit	6	7	0

Goose Goslin hit a homer.

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	4	7	0
New York	3	9	2

Bishop (red Sox) and Lou Gehrig (Yankees) hit homers.

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	7	11	3
Erickson hit a homer.			
Pittsburgh	4	18	0

CONTROL OVER KWEICHOW NOW ACCOMPLISHED

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The recent visit of General Chang Hsueh-liang to Kweichow was made by order of Marshal Chiang, who has instructed General Chang to move his divisions from the Peiping area to Hunan.

The U.S.S. Canopus, and submarine, left the Colony this morning for Amoy.

NO NEW OBLIGATIONS FOR BRITAIN

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As regards both the Eastern Pact and the independence of Austria, the position of their country has always been one of close and friendly interest, but that we have incurred no obligations, except that of consultation in the event of the integrity and independence of Austria being threatened. None further were added at Stresa.

Regarding the desire of Austria, Bulgaria, and Hungary to obtain a revision of the armament clause of the treaties by which they are bound, the Conference decided to recommend that the interested States should examine the question with a view to its settlement by a mutual agreement in connection with general and regional guarantees of security.

AIR PACT PLANS

The three Powers further agreed to continue actively the study of the proposed air pact for Western Europe, with a view to the drafting of such a pact as was contemplated in the London declaration, and of any bilateral agreement which might accompany it.

With Italy, the other guarantor of the Locarno Treaty we reaffirmed the obligations we undertook when we signed that Treaty, and the Conference ended with a declaration of solidarity.

The Prime Minister continued "We went to Stresa to consider past statements of policy in the light of new and deteriorated conditions. Without condoning her recent action, but on the contrary, making it plain that we regard it as a blow to any international organisation of peace and order, we have kept the door open for Germany to join as an active partner in the movements we have planned to create a system of collective security in Europe. We have made it clear that our policy has difficulties they had to deal with, but the combination of States have pledged to keep together and try to find peaceful solution for the present danger in co-operation with every state willing to associate itself with their work."

There was no discussion on the Prime Minister's statement, but a foreign affairs debate will take place after the Easter recess.—British Wireless Service.

BUBBLE BEGINS GREAT FIRE

Tank Explosion At Petroleum Works

SOUTHAMPTON BLAZE

A bubble is believed to have been the cause of the fire which raged all night at the Agwil Petroleum Works, Fawley, near Southampton, following the explosion of a tank.

This is the explanation made by an official of the company.

"Although we do not definitely know the cause, we believe that the fire may have been begun by a globule of sulphuretted hydrogen forming on the inside of the roof of the empty tank.

"If this globule fell, its passage through the air would ignite it and set fire to gases in the tank."

Hundreds of men, women and children many of them villagers afraid of going to bed lest the fire should spread and cause further explosions among the other oil tanks at the works, waited up all night.

They watched fire brigades from the works, from Southampton, Brockenhurst Hythe, Calshot and Lymington fight the blaze.

Flames leaping 100 feet into the air, could be seen a dozen miles away.

THREE-POWER RESOLUTION CARRIED AT GENEVA

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The resolution reaffirmed the duties of all to respect the undertakings they had contracted. It urged the continuation of the negotiations initiated at the London Conference, with the participation of such other powers as might usefully contribute. And it proposed the setting up of a Committee to examine measures to render the Covenant more effective in the organisation of collective security and to provide for the observance of those international instruments upon which peace depends.

The Council later appointed the following to serve on the Committee for which the resolution provides, namely the United Kingdom, Canada, Chile, Spain, France, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Turkey, Soviet Russia, and Yugoslavia.

Sir John Simon left Geneva last night for Paris, and will fly to London early this morning.—British Wireless Service.

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